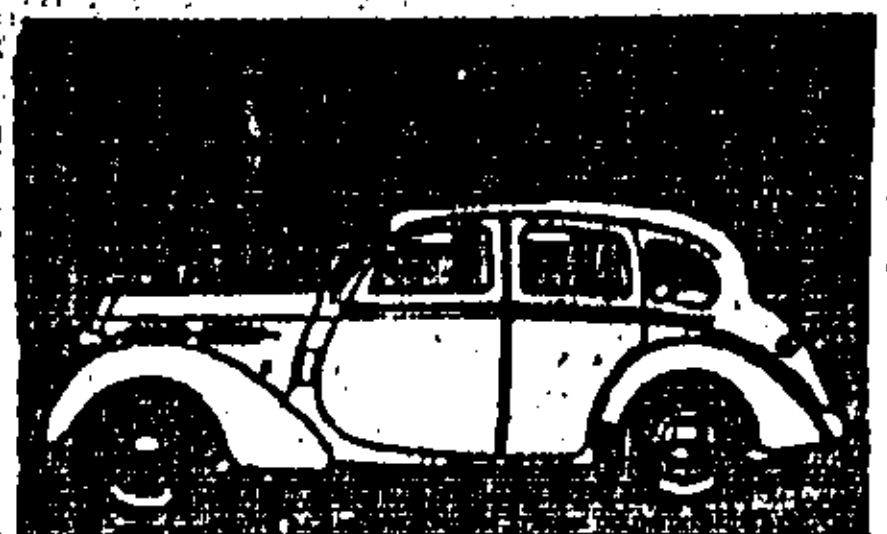


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MUSSOLINI TALKS OF DANGER SPOT TO EUROPE'S PEACE

ROME, Mar. 30.

"ITALY DOES not intend to remain a prisoner in the Mediterranean"
was Signor Mussolini's only comment on international affairs when speaking to-day at Cosenza Calabria.

LONDON, Mar. 30.
RELIABLE SOURCES
here state that the British Government has received reports of new German troop movements in the vicinity of the Polish frontier.

It is not certain whether these reports were discussed at today's Cabinet meeting. However, the Polish Minister visited the British Foreign Office this afternoon.

It is understood that the announcement regarding the increase in British army strength is coincident with new proposals to Poland for military co-operation against German aggression.

To-day's Cabinet meeting was an emergency session to consider the situation. Poland's Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, is due on an official visit to London on Monday next, and it is believed that he will discuss a firm military understanding with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax. Diplomatic circles here interpret the increased military strength as an admonition to Germany and an implication of assurance to Poland.—*United Press.*

Italian Mobilisation

ROME, Mar. 30.
Italy has called a quarter of a million of reservists to the colours.

Tension Won't Ease

Washington, Mar. 30.
It is understood that diplomatic and other information reaching the Government suggests that the tension in Europe is likely to be maintained in the near future. The totalitarian States are credited with the intention of forcing upon the democracies "another Munich". The Government therefore hopes to help to secure "peace without surrender" by a decisive relaxation of the Neutrality Act next week.—*Reuter.*

Demonstrations

Berlin, Mar. 30.
Further anti-German demonstrations are reported from Poland. The German News Agency states that anti-German riots in Upper Silesia have increased in number. It is alleged that Poles marched into a restaurant and molested Germans, knocking one down with chairs, who despite threats, continued to speak in German.—*Reuter.*

Labour Calls For Guarantees

London, Mar. 30.
A declaration issued by the Federation of International Labour calls upon the governments of Britain, France, Russia and Poland immediately to enter mutual guarantees for full and unqualified support in the event of further aggressions by Italy and Germany.—*Reuter.*

Exaggerated

Berlin, Mar. 30.
Rumours of German demands and ultimatum to Poland are certainly exaggerated. "Reuter" learns from well-informed sources. That certain suggestions or approaches have been made to Poland are not officially denied, but all talk of Warsaw being asked to subscribe to the anti-Comintern pact appears to be premature. Even the question of a motor road through the Corridor is not being pressed by Germany, it is stated. It is understood that Colonel Beck is not expected to leave his train en route to London.—*Reuter.*

MEMEL COUP RATIFIED

Katunas, Mar. 30.—After M. Juozas Urbys, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister had made a short statement in Parliament to-day ratified the Lithuanian-German treaty regarding the cession of Memel.—*Reuter.*

Answered By Two Voices

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.
THE GOVERNMENTS of the "Axis" Powers cannot fail to note that two replies have been made instead of one to Signor Mussolini's speech, says the New York "Times". "M. Daladier broadcast a message he was scheduled to deliver, but another voice spoke unexpectedly across the English Channel."

"There can be no doubt that Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the strength of the territorial army is to be doubled was timed to warn Italy against any resort to force in an attempt to achieve still undefined purposes in the Mediterranean area." — *Reuter Special.*

BRITISH AID FOR POLAND

Assurances Said Given

LONDON, MAR. 31.
IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY LEARNED THAT BRITAIN, THROUGH THE BRITISH LEGATION IN WARSAW, HAS PRESENTED POLAND WITH A PROPOSED FOR A UNILATERAL GUARANTEE OF POLAND'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. The Polish Foreign Minister will arrive in London on Monday, reportedly to steadfastly insist that any agreements must be backed by a military pact. Meanwhile it has been authoritatively stated that Germany has made proposals regarding Danzig, although the Foreign Office here has denied such reports.

CHIEF OF STAFF IN FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 30.
Viscount Gort, the British Chief of Staff was shown over the stronger sections of the Maginot Line and the interior of the fortifications of Metz this morning. Viscount Gort closely inspected the ventilation system and the measures taken for protection against a gas attack.—*Reuter.*

Jewish Fears

Berlin, Mar. 30.
The Jews are doing their utmost to leave Danzig, fearful of Germany's plans to occupy the Free State. Britain's decision to double the territorial army is being branded as "an anti-German measure" by the "Boersen Zeitung" stressing that it will not affect the solidity of the Rome-Berlin axis. The French Premier's Wednesday speech has been ignored.—*United Press.*

Franco-Rumanian Trade Pact

Paris, Mar. 30.
A new commercial agreement between France and Rumania is being signed this evening. Under this, France doubles her purchases of Rumanian petrol and reduces customs duties on Rumanian agricultural produce.—*Reuter.*

He said that Italians at present were more perturbed by the relations between Germany and Poland than by M. Daladier's speech.

Those Italians who were not wholly Fascists, and not wholly in favour of the Rome-Berlin axis, think the danger point for Europe is Poland.

"If Germany shows resentment at Warsaw's refusal of its suggestions and her troops march, then many Italians declare that the axis might not bear the strain." — *Reuter.*

Mussolini Admired

Cosenza, Mar. 30.
Signor Mussolini, accompanied by his secretary, Signor Achille Starace, arrived here at dawn to-day. Signor Mussolini is staying at the Calabria Hotel.

A crowd of 15,000 greeted his train at Paola station with shouts of "Long Live National Spain! Il Duce, founder of the Empire!" Mussolini and his party halted for only a few minutes at Paola station to enable the local authorities to pay their respects, after which they continued to the town of Delmonico, where Il Duce alighted.

Later a cheering crowd in Victor Square heard what is regarded as a reference to France's attitude. They heard Mussolini, with pounding fist, say, "Facts or no diplomatic pacts, we will never resign ourselves to remaining prisoners in the Mediterranean."

He said the claim for special concessions regarding the Suez Canal must be satisfied.

Referring to the "defeat of Bolshevism in Spain" and praising Italian collaboration therein, Mussolini said Italy is ready to stand for her claims.

"Speeches are only words if they are not accompanied by facts," he declared. Before his departure from Rome last night, 250,000 men of classes numbers 18 and 19 were reporting for duty.

"We Can Wait"

Commenting on M. Daladier's speech, Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" says: "The French have definitely shown they want to slam the door we left open, but Italy is not impatient, and she can wait." — *Reuter.*

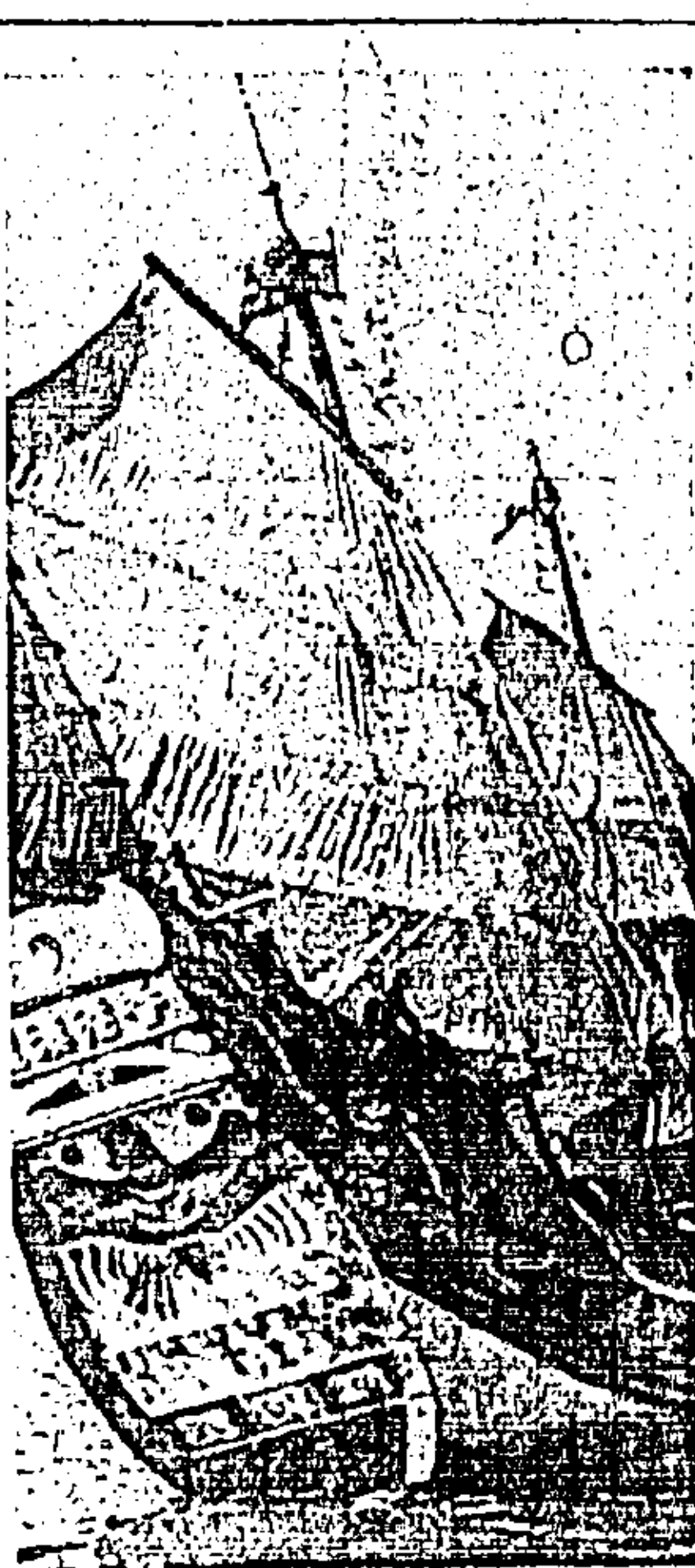
German Barter With China

\$10,000,000 Pact Reported Signed

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30.
Informed circles stated that Sino-German relations turned favourable in recent weeks on conclusion of a barter agreement whereby China and Germany are exchanging goods valued at 10 million yuan for special materials and manufactured products.

These circles said that Herr Von Lohow, a German serving as adviser to the Ministry of Communications, played an active role in improving Sino-German relations, particularly economic. They said Von Lohow made a brief trip to Berlin from Chungking by air and returned early in March in connection with the barter deal.—*United Press.*

HONOLULU, Mar. 30.—The California Clipper arrived here on her maiden trip to Hongkong, she was greeted by cheering crowds.—*Reuter.*



THE SEA DRAGON

Search For Sea Dragon

U.S. Navy Asked To Assist

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30.
FEARS ARE now entertained that the Hongkong trans-Pacific junk "Sea Dragon" has foundered in mid-ocean.

Mr. Wilfred Crowell, San Francisco agent for Mr. Richard Halliburton, has asked the U.S. Naval Department to search for the missing vessel. Since last Friday, the junk's short-wave radio transmitter has been ominously silent.

The last position reported indicated that the junk was in the vicinity of Midway Island.

Severe Storms

Severe storms have swept this area during the last week. The junk left Hongkong on March 4 with a crew of 12 people aboard. Owned by Mr. Richard Halliburton, the famous author who was also aboard, the "Sea Dragon" is under the command of Captain John Welch, an expert navigator.

The last message from the radio operator, Gordon Patrick, indicated that heavy weather was being encountered.

Among the crew are Henry von Fehren, R. Davis, Paul Mooney, George Bastow, Robert Chase, Patrick Kelly, James Sligh and A. D. Flagg.—*United Press.*

Aryanisation In Germany

Berlin Jewish Firms Out Of Business

BERLIN, Mar. 30.
NO LESS than 565 formerly Jewish-owned enterprises have been aryanized in Berlin since May, 1938, police headquarters announced to-day. This number includes 338 small firms (of a value up to 30,000 reichmarks) which were sold at a total price of 5,000,000 reichmarks, 120 middle-sized shops for 5,400,000 reichmarks, and 117 large enterprises, sold for more than 46,000,000 reichmarks.—*Trans-Ocean.*



THE MOTORSHIP TULAGI taking to the water yesterday at the Hongkong & Whampoa Docks. The ship was built for Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. for their South Sea Island trade. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. A. Corrigan, wife of Messrs. Burns Philp's superintendent in Hongkong.—*Staff Photographer.*

SECRET MEETING OF THE CABINET

LONDON, Mar. 30.

Canada Plans A \$1,000,000 Base

TORONTO, Mar. 30.
CANADA'S current defence estimates are the highest since the great war, totalling £12,500,000.

The air estimate is more than doubled at £6,000,000. Eighty-three warplanes are to be added to the Royal Canadian Air Force, and new air bases constructed on both the Pacific coast and in the St. Lawrence River zone.

The Canadian Navy is to be increased to four destroyers in the Pacific and two in the Atlantic.

A million pounds will be spent on improving the naval base at Esquimaux, British Columbia.

WAR AFTERMATH

MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID

British Warship Takes Off Italians

MADRID, Mar. 30.
THE NEWLY appointed Military Governor Espinosa de los Monteros to-day declared martial law, thereby placing Madrid under the same administration as the remainder of Nationalist Spain.

He has ordered everyone to surrender their arms.

The Nationalists have marched on all the key cities in Republican Spain. It is reported they have captured thousands of prisoners, including the southern army which alone numbers 60,000. The entire Republican General Staff at Tremadur has surrendered.

The Burgos radio to-day announced that Colonel Besteiro has been placed in custody in Valencia.—*United Press.*

Planets Surrendered

St. Jean de Luz, Mar. 30.
An official communique issued by General Franco's headquarters at Salamanca to-day stated that 42 Republican aeroplanes surrendered yesterday. In the Valencia front, nearly 18,000 prisoners had been captured, and two complete brigades and six battalions had surrendered. In the southern zone, 70,000 prisoners were taken. Many thousands had been taken prisoner on the Toledo front, and in (Continued on Page 4.)

Liners Fogbound Off H.K.

DAMAGED SHIPS CANNOT ENTER HARBOUR

A BIG question mark must be placed besides the movements of all ships in Hongkong waters this morning. Fog—the biggest since last summer—has cast a pall over the entire coast and at Lyemooon Pass visibility has been reduced to a few feet.

Both the P. & O. liner Canton and the M.M. liner Marchal Joffre have arrived at Waglan, a few miles from the entrance to Hongkong harbour, and are anchored there, awaiting an opportunity to enter Lyemooon.

By nine o'clock this morning large ocean-going liners were beginning to line up at Waglan. The gathering there included the Lloyd Triestino liner Conte Verde, which should have berthed at midnight, the N.D.L. liner Potsdam, which was due from Shanghai at 9 a.m. and the troopship Eutrick, which should have arrived from England yesterday afternoon.

As this edition was going to Press there was no indication of the fog lifting and it is highly improbable that any vessel will be able to enter the harbour before this afternoon.

Making Water.

The Canton is still making water from the holes in her side, resulting from yesterday's collision, but her pumps are adequately coping with the situation.

Both the Canton and the Marchal Joffre will go into dock as soon as they enter the harbour.

The sailing time of the P. & O. liner Chitral has been further delayed, and is now tentatively fixed at 3 p.m. The ship was originally scheduled to sail for Shanghai and Japanese ports at noon yesterday.

If the damage to the Canton is so serious that she cannot leave dock within three or four days, it is considered possible the Chitral will unload Shanghai and Japan passengers and cargo, and will take up the Canton's run to England.

In that case the Canton will, when she leaves dock, return to northern ports on the Chitral's run.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Terrorism In Palestine

Village Sheikh Killed

JERUSALEM, Mar. 30.
TERRORISM in Palestine is continuing with undiminished violence.

A Jewish constable was shot and seriously wounded by Arabs in Haifa to-day.

The village sheikh at Burga and another Arab inhabitant were killed, while a wounded Arab was found near Jaffa. British military authorities have increased their precautions, and have arrested 41 Arabs in Jerusalem, Haifa and in Samaria and the Galilee districts. Twenty have been arrested for violating the curfew regulations.—*Trans-Ocean.*

HE MADE MILLIONS—BY ACCIDENT

Bought Dog-track When 1d.-a-Pint on Beer Forced Sale

AS the greyhounds flashed round the track at Wandsworth Stadium recently Mr. Sidney E. Parkes smiled to himself and thought: "If they hadn't put a penny on the pint of beer I might never have gone to the dogs."

The "dogs" have been profitable for this tall, broad-shouldered, 50-year-old mystery millionaire and greyhound "king."

Few people have ever heard of Mr. Parkes. Although a director of many companies he is not included in the "Directory of Directors."

Yet he is one of Britain's wealthiest men, living quietly at Kingston Hill, Surrey, with his wife and five children.

To-day he is the owner of four leading London stadiums and training establishments worth £1,000,000. No one has such a large holding in the greyhound business, which he entered "by accident" in 1933.

A BIG FUTURE

"It happened like this," Mr. Parkes said. "In my capacity as a contractor, builder, and estate dealer, I was given a contract for the erection of Wandsworth Stadium."

"When the buildings were completed, the promoters, who were associated with some brewery interests, found that they could not go ahead because a penny extra tax had been put on the pint of beer."

"I was given the opportunity of taking over the stadium myself, and I said: 'Why not?'"

"So, indirectly, that penny on beer introduced me to the dogs."

"Wandsworth did so well that I extended my interest."

"There's a big future in greyhounds. Public interest still grows and it is likely that I shall launch out with more developments."

£5,000,000 DEAL

But greyhounds are not Mr. Parkes' only interest.

An estate dealer he has bought and sold land worth £5,000,000.

Created a new South London suburb, Molesey Park.

Promoted more sports grounds than any other man in the country.

Mr. Parkes was humorously secretive about his rise to millionaire status.

"All I will say is that my career has been full of thrills," he said. "I started in a modest way, and progressed by getting my teeth into a job."

"But please don't say I have succeeded by rising early in the morning. There's nothing I dislike more."

EMPIRE NEWS

PLEA TO INDUSTRY IN NEW ZEALAND

Auckland. The Government has asked industries to absorb 8,000 men now engaged on public works for six weeks. The object clearly is to lighten the burden of the Employment Fund before the social security scheme comes into operation on March 31.

The proposal is criticised by representatives of industry, who state that they are unable to create new markets for their goods overnight.

The Government is recruiting artisans for its housing scheme in England, Canada, and Australia, advancing fares when necessary.

SOUTH AFRICA

DEFENCE POLICY CRITICISED

Cape Town. Criticism of the Government's defence policy came from the Ministerial benches in the Assembly recently when Mr. Du Toit, United party member for Cape Flats, said the defence of South Africa was far too vital a matter for a gamble. They could not act on the assumption of the Ministry that war would affect South Africa only six months after the outbreak.

Mr. Pirow, Minister of Defence, had said last session that for the first time of defence a minimum of 67,000 active Citizen Force men were required. Yet the report of the Department of Defence showed that only 13,000 men were now available.

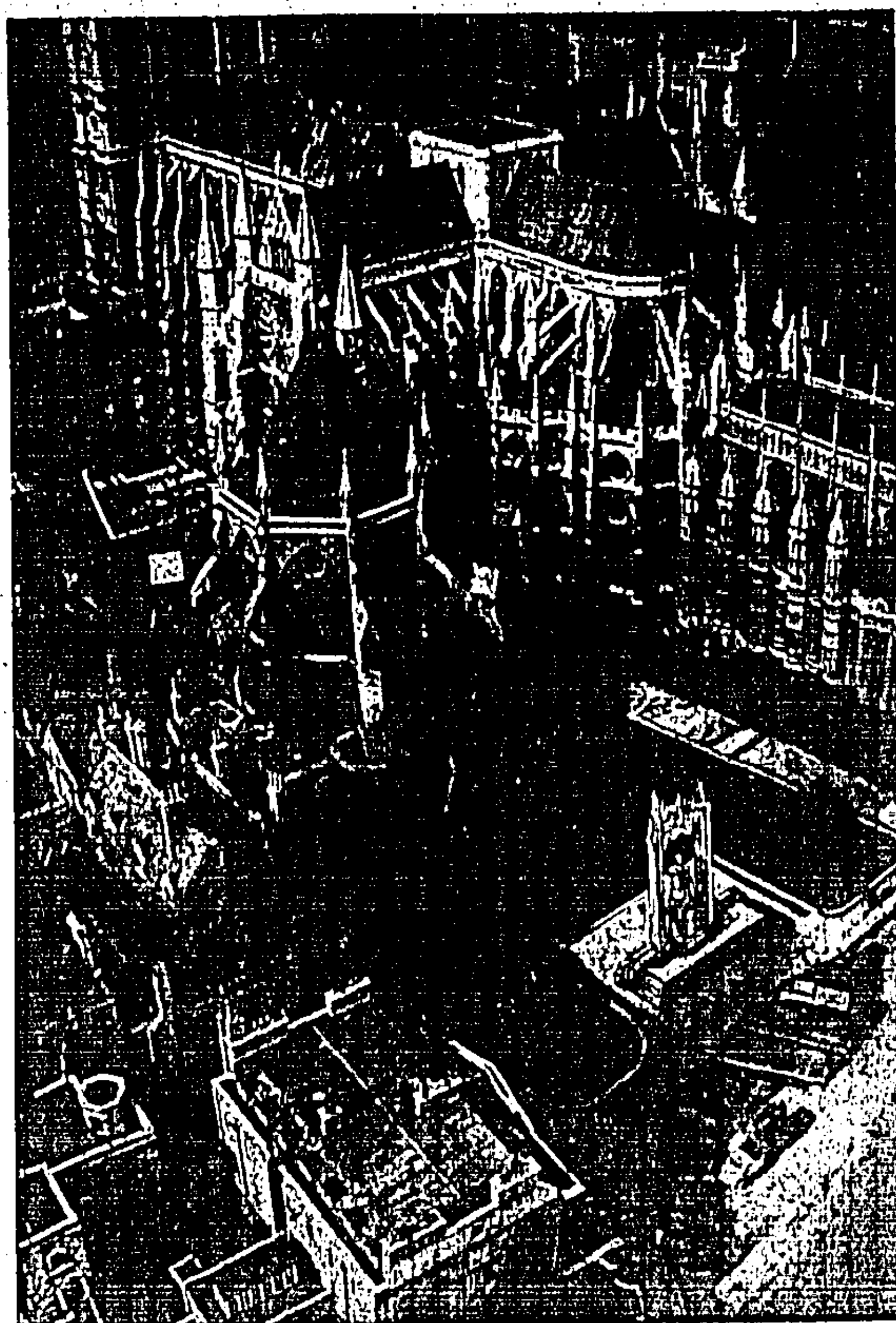
JAMAICA

COUNCIL OF 10 FOR TRADE UNION

Kingston. Mr. Bustamante, the labour leader, finding it impossible to manage the Jamaica trade union alone, has appointed a council of 10, including himself, to be officers of the union.

Among those appointed is Mr. Manley, a well-known local barrister and a former Rhodes Scholar.

The Governor, Sir Arthur Richards, demobilised the local forces recently following the calling off of the dock strike.



DIVERGENT OPINIONS have been forthcoming with regard to the proposed memorial of his late Majesty King George V, a representation of which is shown in this composite picture on the selected site behind the Abbey. Both the "Grafton Gothic" of the narrow screen and the crushing weight of the robes worn by the Royal figure, to be carried out in unweathering marble, have called up so much criticism that Lord Macmillan, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, has suggested that the matter be referred back for consideration.

EARNED 45s. WEEK LEFT £2,600

A SOUTHERN RAILWAY platelayer who, it is stated, had never earned more than 45s. a week has left £2,393 of his £2,600 estate to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he died after a road accident.

It was while he was in hospital that the platelayer, 65-year-old Mr. John Thomas, of Higham, near Rochester, made his will, leaving £50 to each of three relatives, £50 to Mrs. Lydia Wells, at whose house he had lodged for 17 years, and the residue of his estate to the hospital.

BACHELOR

All his working life Mr. Thomas, who was a bachelor, had worked on the railway.

He was a non-smoker and took very little alcohol. His hobby was gardening, and he paid special attention to the cultivation of the flower garden near the signal box at Higham railway station.

Once he told a colleague that National Savings Certificates were the

best investment for a working man. It is believed that most of his money was accumulated in that way.

Flowers Are Canned

MELBOURNE, Australia. Australian botanists say it with flowers—and how. Dr. J. S. Turner, professor of botany at the University of Melbourne, has perfected a system for canning flowers with which swains can express their tenderest sentiments.

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- R 20380. La Boheme. Act 1. "Che gelida manina" (Your Tiny Hand) (Puccini.) Martha. Act 3. "Ach so fromm" (Like A Dream.) (Flotow.) Jan Klepura. (Sung in German.)
- R 20269. Turandot. ("Non Piangere Liu") (Puccini.) Jan Klepura. ("Nessun Dorma") (Sung in German.)

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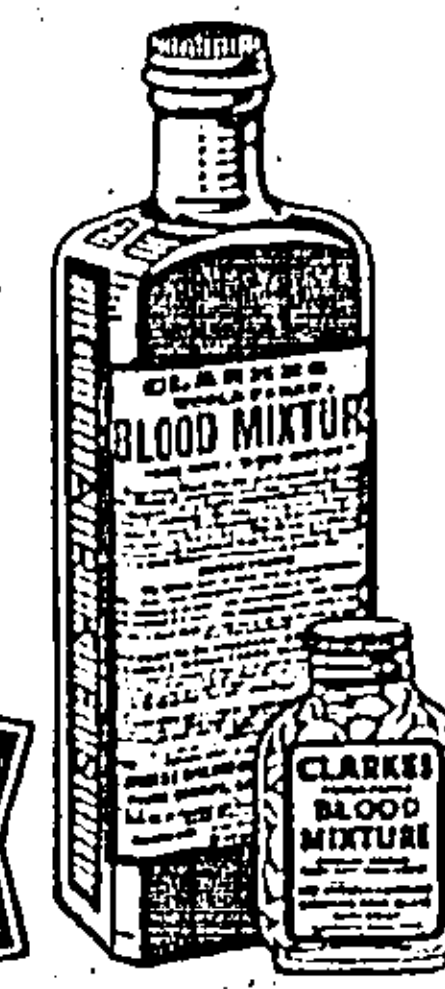
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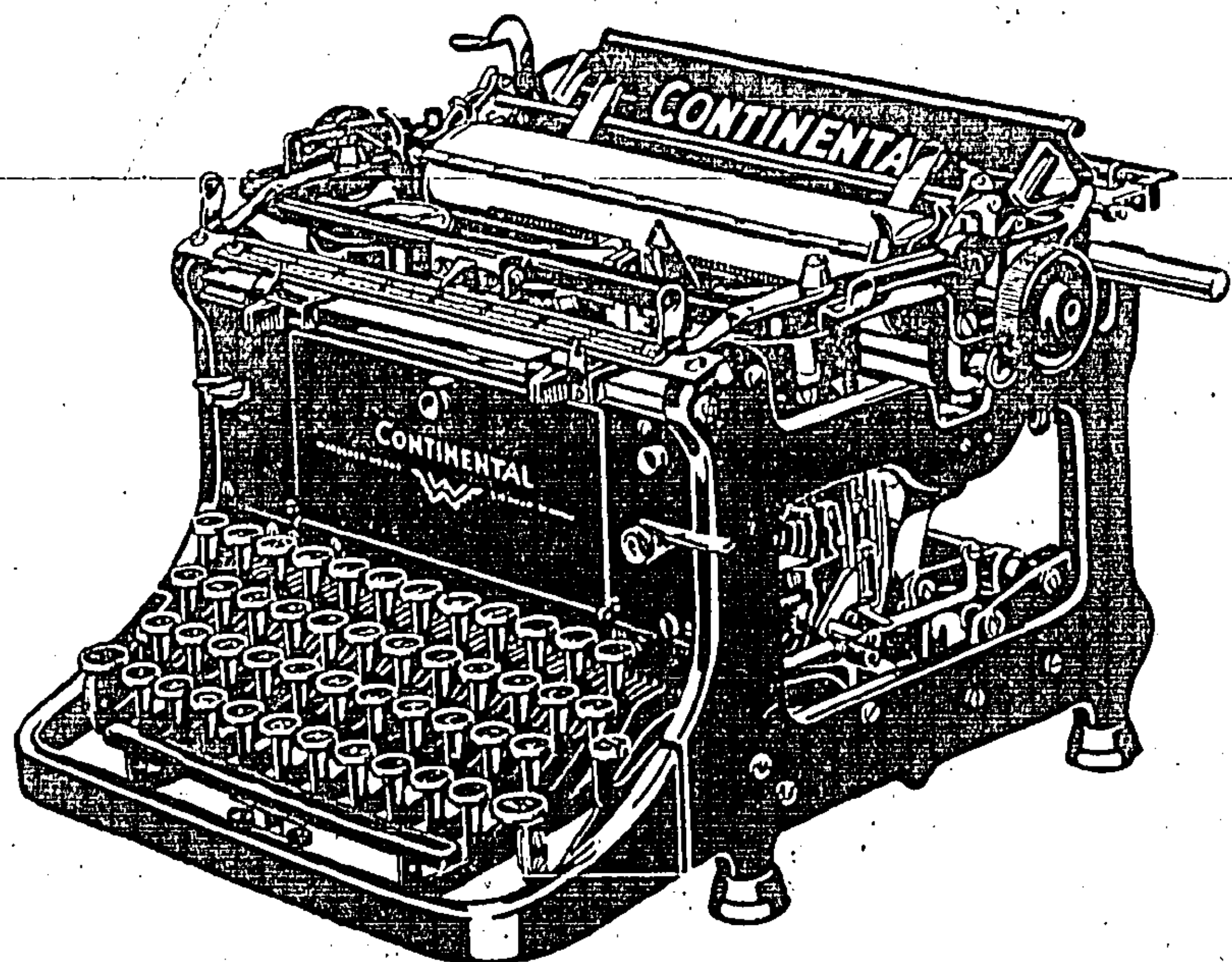
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Austin '7' Dies —An '8' Is Born

"The 'seven' is dead, long live the 'eight,'" cried excited motor traders when they were shown for the first time a new Austin car at the works of the company in Birmingham recently.

An event of international importance is the replacement of the Austin "Seven," first and most famous of the "baby" cars, by an entirely new "eight."

Overshadowing the much-boasted "German People's car," the new Austin was wheeled into the German Motor Show in Berlin recently.

This new Austin, the best-looking small car yet seen, is to be sold at a competitive price. The two-door four-seater saloon is £125, and there are open tourer and four-door saloon models.

The new car has a four-cylinder side-valve engine rated at 7.99 h.p.—annual tax £6. The chassis is of a new type with orthodox springing, a four-speed gear-box with synchromesh on second, third and top, Girling brakes and an all-steel body.

Frontal appearance is new and distinctive, the radiator mascot serving the unusual purpose of forming the single bonnet catch. The steering wheel is spring-spoked. The rear opening luggage compartment is really roomy.

The car holds the road and steers as well as any small car ever driven, and comfort, even for back-seat passengers, is excellent. Even the lights are better than average.

Maximum speed is 60 m.p.h. with really good top-gear pulling on hills. When cruising at 40 m.p.h., close on 50 miles to the gallon of petrol has been obtained. The brakes are marvellous.

Non-Stop Operation On Baby

Special apparatus fitted to a cot in the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond-street, W.C., is performing a continuous operation on a three-week-old baby.

All the time, while the baby is sleeping, or being fed, an injection is being made in a leg vein.

The child, a girl, weighed only three pounds at birth and measured only 12 inches.

Doctors say it is a wonder that she is still alive. This is her daily treatment.

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"NO BAN ON THE LOWER CLASSES"

But—Well, What Would High Society Say?

YOUTHS of about nineteen who hope one day to be British ambassadors in foreign capitals are now sending in their names to a board of selection, which will meet at the Civil Service Commission's offices in Burlington-gardens, W., on the first Tuesday in May.

Judging from previous years, about fifty names will be received. Almost without exception they will be the names of public schoolboys who have gone on to Oxford or Cambridge.

No council schoolboys, no matter how brilliant, need apply.

It is true that council schoolboys are beating the old school tie in the examinations for nearly every other branch of the Civil Service, but they are not allowed even to reach the examination room where the ambassadors-to-be are going to sit.

The board of selection stops them. No one in Whitehall has ever quite stated it in black and white, but the examination results going back scores of years prove that the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service are still the exclusive preserve of the sons of the upper classes.

Records available for the past nine years show that not a single council schoolboy had a place among the successful candidates, although fifty-three vacancies were filled.

MYSTERY BODY

Here is the procedure which safeguards the rigidity of the Foreign Office caste system.

Unlike every other branch of the Civil Service where candidates must first pass a competitive examination and then appear before a selection board, candidates for the Foreign Office must satisfy the selection board before they may sit for the examination.

The board of selection is a mysterious body.

It consists of about six members. One or two may be Civil Service Commissioners. The rest are "high officials" in the Foreign Office.

All are bent on making certain that the breeding of Britain's diplomats shall follow the hallowed traditions and not be changed by the introduction of less expensively educated pedigrees.

The questions they ask candidates are never revealed.

All that an official of the Civil Service Commission would say to the Sunday Express was, "The board has to discover whether the candidate is of the right personality and upbringing. They may possibly ask what his father does and what games the boy plays."

WASTE OF TIME

"It must be remembered that a diplomat has to mix on equal terms with the highest society. It would be a waste of time for a candidate to be allowed to prepare himself for the written examination if he were obviously of an unsuitable type."

"There is no ban on the lower classes. Rather I would suggest that the reason why public schoolboys at Oxford and Cambridge are most successful is that these schools and universities specialise in preparing for the Diplomatic Service examinations."

Last year seven candidates passed into the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service. Their schools were Wellington, Stowe, Charterhouse, Eton, Winchester, Rugby and Keble College, Oxford.

Yet in the Home Civil Service Administrative Class examination, a Harry County schoolboy then at Cambridge received top marks. No public schoolboy was in the first three.

In the Indian Civil Service test a Nottingham high school boy, then at Cambridge, was top; a Southend-on-Sea high school boy was second.

In the Consular Service examination—no consul can normally rise to an ambassadorship—another secondary school scholar beat scores of public schoolboys.

That was last year. In 1937 Rugby, Harrow, Eton and Winchester, with the help of two other big

SOS for Lifeboat

Rosslare, Co. Wexford.
Two airmen, Lt. Higgins and Lt. Quinn, had narrow escapes when on Irish Air Force seaplane in which they were flying from Southampton to Baldonnel aerodrome, Dublin, came down in the sea near here recently.

Two planes were flying in formation, and when off Carnegore Point one of them developed engine trouble.

There was a strong south-east wind and a rough sea, but Lt. Higgins brought the craft safely down.

The other machine circled around, but the sea was too rough for her to attempt rescue. She sent out a wireless S.O.S. for assistance and flew on.

Coast watchers telephoned Rosslare Harbour, and the Rosslare 'lifeboat' put out.

IDEALLY FITTED FOR POST
In the meantime the 'plane was swept towards the shore at Ballytrent.

Crowds on the beach saw the 'plane turn broadside in the surf. Waves damaged its starboard wing.

The two officers donned lifebelts, got ready to jump, but succeeded in sending a line ashore with which men on the beach pulled the 'plane clear of the surf.

When the lifeboat reached the scene the officers sent a Morse message stating that they were out of danger.

They did all they could to safeguard the 'plane before abandoning it. Troops were summoned from Baldonnel to dismantle it.

public schools, "again took" all the Foreign Office vacancies.

MONEY RULE
In 1936 it was once more Winchester, Eton, Rugby and company.

Yet in that year boys of working and middle-class parents swept the board in the examination for the administrative class. Forty appointments were made.

Only one went to a public school boy. For the first time on record Eton, Harrow, Rugby and Winchester all failed to win a single place. Charterhouse was alone represented.

Only one important concession to democracy has been made by the Foreign Office this century.

In 1914 the rule requiring every member of the Diplomatic Service to guarantee a private income of £400 a year was abolished.

Another change is interesting—Eton is falling behind as the foremost nursery for diplomats. Of the eighteen ambassadors serving two years ago, thirteen were Old Etonians. But in recent years Rugby, Winchester and Charterhouse have become well represented in diplomacy.

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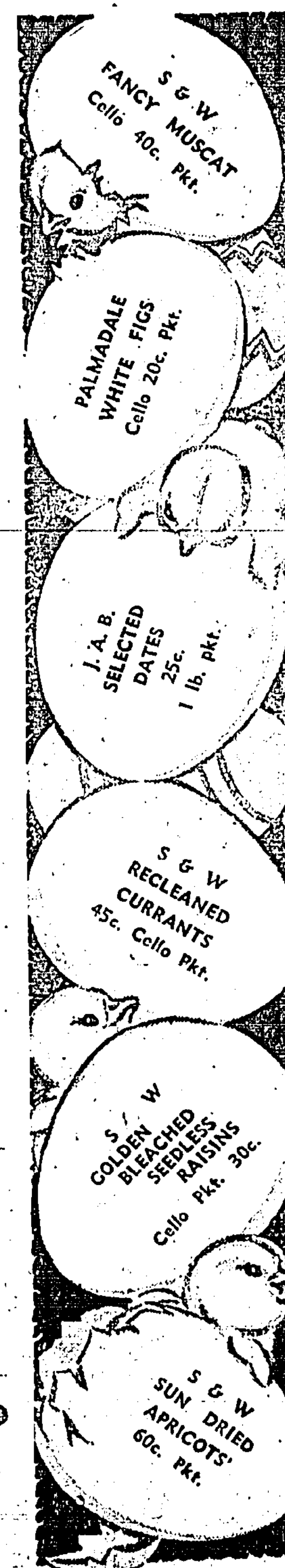
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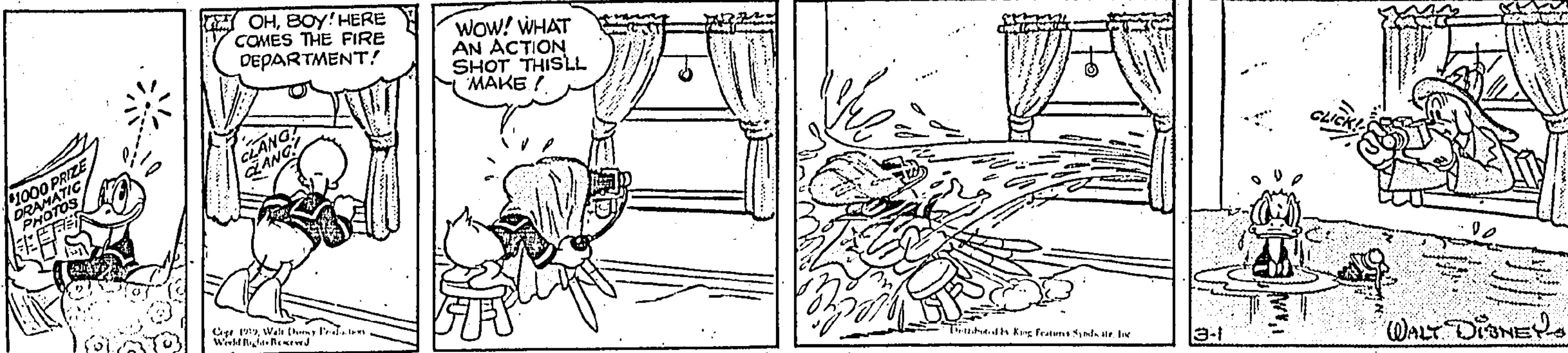
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AIR RAID WARDENS

Progress Of The District Sub-Committees

The following report on the progress made by the Air Raid Warden's District Sub-Committees, Hongkong, has been issued:

Convenor, Mr. H. W. Leyden. The Western Division has been sub-divided into districts. Mr. Leyden has the matter well in hand, although he reports that he is somewhat disappointed at the lack of Chinese co-operation. Sites for Posts are being inspected by Mr. Leyden himself.

Central Division (A): Convenor, Mr. Lau King-ling. Several meetings have been held: 17 Posts were selected after the landlords or tenants had been interviewed and permission obtained to use the premises in case of emergency. These locations have been submitted to A.R.P.C. for inspection—report awaited. Further, Mr. Lau King-ling has submitted a list of 50 Chinese ladies and gentlemen willing to be trained to serve as Wardens, and classes are being arranged.

Central Division (B): Convenor, Mr. C. Champlin. This district consists mainly of office blocks and the Hongkong Land Investment Co. and other owners are being consulted as to what arrangements they are themselves making.

Central Division (C): Convenor, Mr. Ng Wah. At the first meeting of this Sub-committee members were under the misapprehension that their function was to find shelters for all the population in the district, and lists were prepared of suitable buildings. These lists will be useful for the choosing of Posts.

Central Division (D): Convenor, Mr. Wong Kai-tan. A list showing the approximate sites for 16 Posts was submitted. Such a list is of no assistance: what is required is that members of Sub-committees go round their district, pick out suitable rooms for Warden Posts, obtain the sanction of either tenants or landlords, and submit the lists to the Main Committee, after which the sites will be inspected by the A.R.P.C.'s architect.

Eastern Division (E): Convenor, Mr. Ngan Shing-kan. Four Posts were considered necessary for this district—same were chosen and submitted to the A.R.P.C. for inspection—report awaited.

Eastern Division (F): Convenor, Mr. Woo Hang-kam. Sub-divided into 3 sections each in charge of a member of the Sub-committee. Approximate sites were chosen on the map for 20 Posts, and are being inspected by members of the Sub-committee regarding their suitability. Mr. Woo advised the Chairman of the Main Committee that he had 34 volunteers for training as Wardens, and that the principal of the Tung Mei Middle School had offered the use of the school premises for lectures. A course is being arranged.

Eastern Division (G): Convenor, Mr. Te Yu-chuen. This Sub-committee has been formed, but no reports of any meetings or other activities have been received.

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Eastern Division (H)—Happy Valley: Convenor, Mr. Lo Tung-fan. This district has been sub-divided into 10 sections for A.R.P. purposes, and same are being inspected with a view to finding suitable Warden Posts. Mr. J. A. Bendall, member of this Sub-committee, is giving a course of lectures at the Jockey Club, and it is hoped that these will provide some Wardens for the district.

Shaokwan (East of Tai Koo Property): Convenor, Mr. Fok Kam-sek. This district has been divided into 5 sections for A.R.P. purposes, with a member of the Sub-committee in charge of each. Fourteen Posts in all have been selected, and the Sub-committee is now investigating these sites and interviewing the landlords or tenants with a view to making a detailed report to the Main Committee. Thirty-five Chinese ladies and gentlemen volunteered their services as Wardens, and are receiving training through a course of lectures in Chinese being given at the Shaokwan Public Dispensary.

Shaokwan (West of Tai Koo Property): Convenor, Mr. F. X. Delgado. No report has yet been received from this Sub-committee.

Upper Levels District: Convenor, Mr. Andrew Tse. Sub-committee has been formed and the district is being looked over with a view to finding suitable Warden Posts. Mr. Tse took the A.R.P.C. architect round that part of his district between Tai Ping Shan and Tung Wah Hospital, where almost all the houses are very old with wooden floors and the district very congested. It was thought that such an area would have to be treated as a special case, and the matter would be brought to the notice of the Air Raid Precautions Officer. (Note: This may apply to other districts.)

Mid Levels District: Convenor, Mr. D. Young. No report has yet been received from this district.

Kowloon Reports

The following are reports from Kowloon areas: Kowloon Tong. At a meeting held on January 31, five posts were chosen. These locations were submitted to the A.R.P.C. for inspection—report awaited. Unfortunately, the Convenor of this Sub-committee, Mrs. J. M. Jack, has had to resign on account of ill health. Additional members for this Sub-committee are now being sought.

Kowloon City: Convenor, Mr. C. R. Basto. Members of this Sub-committee are proceeding with the inspection of about 60 ground floor premises to be used as Posts, and are obtaining sanction of owners or tenants for use of same.

Mongkok: Convenor, Mr. F. E. d'Almeida Remedios. Two Posts have been chosen, and 11 prospective Wardens have offered their services for training. The Convenor offered his residence (No. 6, Peace Avenue) as a lecture hall. Kowloon district have been inspected by this Sub-committee, and practically all are attending the classes at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. A lack of support of residents on the South side of Prince Edward Road is to be regretted.

Tsim Sha Tsui (East): Convenor, Mr. Eddie D'Souza. This district has been divided into 3 sections for A.R.P. purposes, each in charge of a member of the Sub-committee. An original member of this committee (Miss W. Robinson) resigned on leaving the district, and has not yet been replaced. Eight Posts have been selected and are being investigated, some by the Sub-committee members and three by the A.R.P.C.

Tsim Sha Tsui (West): Convenor, Mr. Wong Tong-kee. Sub-committee has been formed, but no reports of any meetings have yet been received by the Main Committee.

Yau Ma Tei (East): Convenor, Mr. H. do Figueiredo. Minutes of one meeting have reached the Main Committee, at which two members were appointed to select suitable sites for Posts. Their report is awaited.

Yau Ma Tei (West): Convenor, Mr. Wat Pak U. This district has been divided up into 4 large sections, and Sanitary Inspector Sinton had plotted on the map suitable sites for Posts which the Sub-committee members are now investigating—section by section.

Sham Shui Po: Convenor, Mr. Wong Pak-kun. No reports have been received of the activities of this Sub-committee.

Hung Hom: Convenor, Mr. Wong Kwong-ling. A list of all streets in this district has been drawn up giving estimates of the population. For suitable sites have been chosen and submitted to the Chairman of the Main Committee.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1889. It is reported that the Czar is recalled by the irregular life of his brother, and that he has ordered Grand Duke Vladimir to resign the command of the guards.

25 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1914. Mr. Asquith announced that Sir John French and General Ewart persisted in resigning and His Majesty the King approved of the speaker (Mr. Asquith) becoming Secretary of War. The House was momentarily dumbfounded by the announcement, and then Ministerialists cheered frantically.

Night club life in London is growing more and more popular among those who can afford it. The Tanko and the Maxine have almost entirely ousted the waltz, and as most of the ladies who frequent the night clubs are professional dancers, or at least on the stage, the dancing reaches a very high standard of proficiency.

10 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1929. Wholesale executions have taken place in Canton during the past three or four days, according to reports received from the "Telegraph" correspondent there. It is stated that close upon 300 people have been shot during the campaign, the victims being all described as suspected Communists. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has completed the formation of plans for the attack against Hankow, and a big offensive on all fronts is to be made almost immediately. The general opinion is that the Wuhan resistance will collapse within a very short space of time and that the war will soon be over.

5 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1934. Another ruthless exploit has to be added to the account of the notorious gangster, John (The Killer) Dillinger, who, hunted by over fifty thousand militiamen and police since his escape from jail on March 3, 1934, was nearly trapped at St. Paul's Minnesota, to-day. Accompanied by a man and a woman, Dillinger was in hiding in the Communist city. The police threw a powerful armed cordon round the area. The Three desperadoes shot their way through the cordon, with the use of a machine-gun, and escaped in a motor car.

The following appointments were gazetted: Captain R. D. Walker, M.C., to act as Munitions and Chief Engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Mr. C. C. Knight to be a Member of the Harbour Advisory Committee, vice Mr. Allen Cameron, resigned.

The Hon. Mr. T'o Seen-wan, O.B.E., LL.D., and the Rev. Frank Short as Members of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.

Mr. C. C. Knight as a member of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years.

Mr. J. J. Patterson to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council in succession to Mr. R. D. F. Bethel.

Commander Frank Elliot, O.B.E., R.N., officially handed H.M.S. Cornwall over to the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Reserve on Saturday morning.

The ceremony was most impressive. Commander Elliot, who was accompanied by Paymaster Commander F. R. Porter, R.N., was met at the gangway by Lieut.-Commander F. H. Skyring, R.N., Officer-in-Charge of the Force, and Lieut.-Commander H. S. Rowe, the Commanding Officer of the Volunteers.

After the toast had been drunk with acclamation, Commander Elliot said: "Gone are the days when the Navy was more or less self-contained and could steam off to its war station with the addition only of a few trained reservists."

The recent Great War developed air warfare, submarine warfare, and mining, which has entailed an enormous increase in personnel and material not only to operate them in offence but to put into effect counter measures.

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NAVAL VOLUNTEERS

Commodore On Democracy And Totalitarianism

That if Democracy were to hold its own against Totalitarian States it must borrow from them the ideals of duty and discipline, was the view expressed by Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, O.B.E., D.S.C., at the first dinner of the Minewatching Branch of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, held on board H.M.S. Cornflower last night, at which he was the principal guest.

Comdr. J. Petrie, D.S.C., the Commanding Officer, spoke of the formation and development of the Branch, and said that the response to an appeal for recruits had been immediate. The occasion was also marked by the presentation of a silver cigarette case to Petty Officer C. Turney, R.N., in appreciation of his services as instructor to the Branch.

Proposing the toast of "Our Guests," Comdr. Petrie said: "As this is the first dinner of the Minewatching Branch I should like to say a few words about the formation and development of the Branch."

Early in 1937 it became evident that personnel to control the proposed under-water defences of the Colony must be drawn from Volunteers. It seemed desirable to recruit men over 38 and under 55 years of age for a job which, although sedentary, carries a degree of responsibility which cannot be over-estimated. From July, 1937, onwards plans began to take shape and in 1938 a complete training equipment was received from England. In September, 1938, authority was given to recruit for a Minewatching Branch, H.K.N.V.F.

The response to an appeal for recruits was immediate, and the Branch kept up full strength in watch-keeping or warrant officer personnel. Promotion to commissioned rank will, in most cases, be from warrant rank, and an aspirant to promotion must take the examination approved by the Commodore. I may say at this point that not only did everyone turn up for the recent examination, but the results were very satisfactory.

The importance that the Admiralty attaches to the value of the Branch was shown in a signal from the Admiralty to the Commodore in January, a signal to which the Commodore duly replied that the organization was being recruited, and that preliminary training was well advanced.

Courses in England

Five warrant officers proceeding on Home leave this Spring will take courses in England. With six officers in other branches taking courses in other subjects, the total will be a force record. Government has recognised the importance of these courses by granting additional funds.

A certain Flag Lieutenant, who has since risen to high rank, had, during the war, the following text in his cabin: "Work with me and I'll work you to death." While I do not advocate that in peacetime a volunteer be asked either to give or give up his life, I know that every officer, warrant officer and rating of the H.K.N.V.F. has had to work for promotion, and that there has been no substitute for, or alternative to, work. (Applause.)

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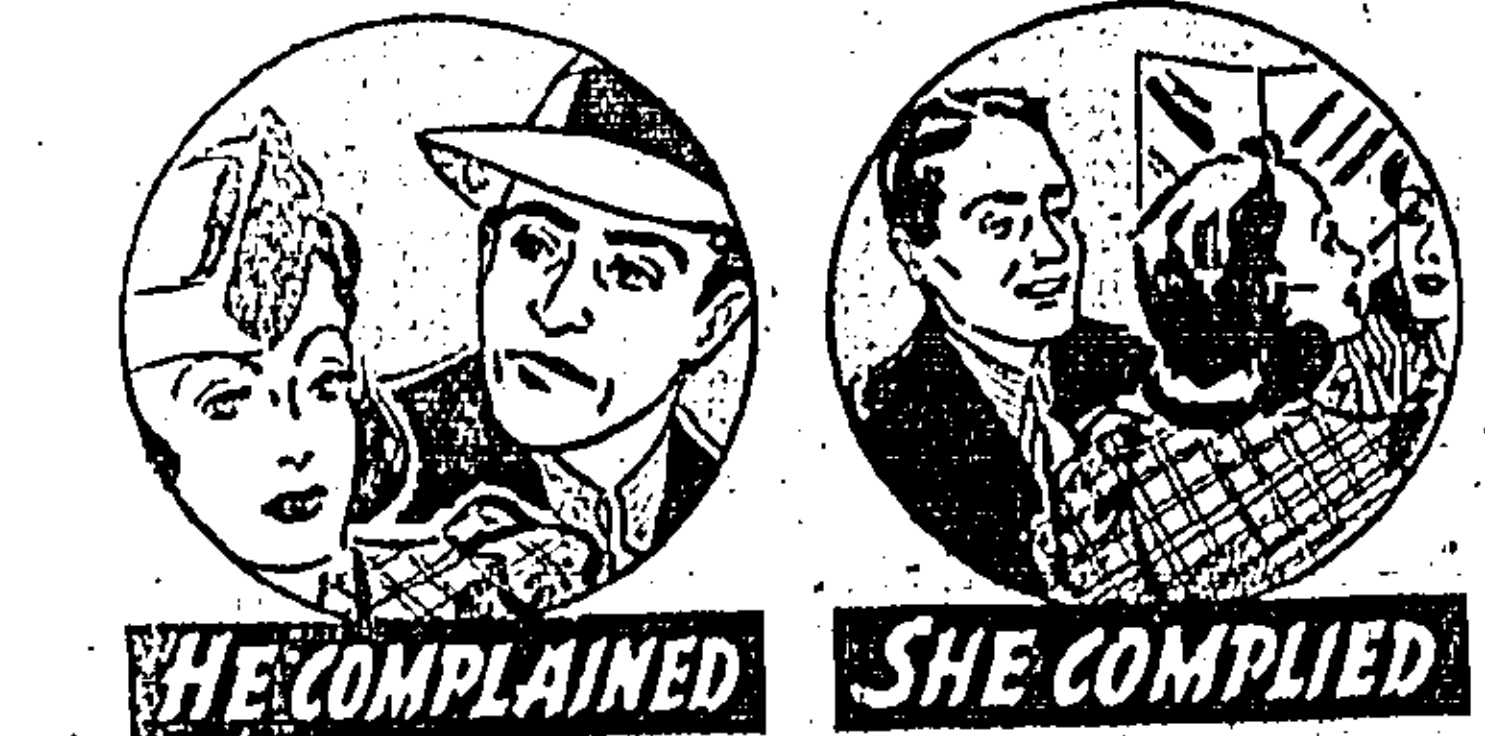
EVERY day you learn something new from the news. Here are a few things upon which recent messages shed light:

Question—How many women work for their living in Germany where "the woman's place is in the home?" Answer—Eleven and a half million! Of these about 5,000,000 have full time employment in manual trades.

Q—Do women do men's work? A—Yes. The official Labour Front report which gives the above figures reveals also that German women work in coal and metal mining and in stone and gravel quarries.

Q—Which foreign ruler practised dentistry as a hobby? A—Peter the Great of Russia. He used to "operate" on members of his Court. The dental instruments he used have just been presented to the State Ethnographical Museum in Leningrad.

Q—How many Boy Scouts are there in Great Britain and Ireland? A—According to the report of the Boy Scouts Association, published recently, 460,234, an increase of nearly 17,000 over last year. There are over 2,500,000 Boys Scouts in other parts of the world.



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1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Les Allen (Baritone) and Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

Don't Save Your Smiles (Davis-Cools-Flo Rito); She Came From Alaska Lorraine (Hida-Carr); Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain; Rehearsing A Lullaby (Goodhart and Hoffman); Seelin's Believin' (Adams and Ager); Les Allen (Baritone) with Carol Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends; Medley; Intro: Alone; Poor Little Angelina; Goody Goody... Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Len Fills and His Hawaiian Orchestra.

Say The Word—And It's Yours—Slow Fox-Trot (Hm 'First A Girl'); When The Leaves Bld The Trees Goodbye—Waltz; Hawaiian Happiness—Medley; Intro: Aloha Oe; Aloha; Aloha Beloved; Song of the Islands; O Sole Mio; Moonlight Bay; Aloha Oe; The Winter Waltz (Altman and Ager); Rosetta (Hines and Woode).

2.00 Nat Gonella and His Georgians.

Who Stole The Tiger's Rug?—Fox-Trot; Bring 'Em Back Alive—Fox-Trot; Oh, They're Tough—Mighty Tough In The West—Fox-Trot; Ten Pretty Girls—Fox-Trot.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Sweet and Slow; (b) Skronch; (c) You're not the kind; (d) Avalon.

6.14 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

6.18 Kennedy; I'll Sing You A Thousand Love Songs (Hm 'Cala and Mabel')... Marc Henri (The Roaming Troubadour) with Orchestra.

6.21 (a) Love is where you find it; (b) Carry me back to Old Vir-

ginny; (c) To-night will live; (d) Shalangan.

6.35 Records: If We Never Meet Again—Slow Fox-Trot; Old Fashioned Love—Quickstep—Gerry Moore (Piano); Night On The Water (Nicholls and Clarke)... Layton and Johnstone (American Duetists) with Piano.

6.45 London Relay—"Under Big Ben."

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7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Hildegarde (Vocal) and The Hill Billies.

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7.30 Reginald Dixon at the Organ. Dixon Hills No. 7; Intro: Lost; Lovely Lady; The Glory of Love; Dixon Hits No. 24; Intro: How'da like to love me; Love walked in; Meet me down in Sunset Valley; I won't tell a soul; The sweetest song in the world; The Chocolate Soldier's daughter.

7.40 Studio—Concert by Claire Hartle (Violin) and Molly O'Halloran (Piano).

1. Selection "Paganini" (Lehar); 2. Two Dances from Henry VIII (Edward German); 3. Two Ballads: Neapolitan Love Song (Victor Herbert); Simple Little Melody (Strauss).

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Claire Hartle (Violin) and Molly O'Halloran (Piano) continued.

4. German Waltz (Schroder); Ich Tanz mit Dir in Den Himmel Hinein; German Tango (Emil Paem); Regen-Tropfen.

8.15 London Relay—"Your Programme from Daventry."

A talk by the Empire Service Director.

8.30 Studio—Light Song Recital by Jack Grenham.

9.00 London Relay—"Food for Thought."

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Next week's programme.

9.30 London Relay—"The News."

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THE LAST mighty act of the
Spanish drama is over.

The curtain falls on Republican
Spain. Almost without the fir-
ing of a shot Madrid, Valencia
and other great cities have been
occupied.

The last three months of war
have not disgraced the Re-
publicans. But it has convinced
them that their cause, however
bravely upheld, had no chance
against overwhelming material
odds.

To-day, General Franco is
Spain's master. He alone can
spare Spain further agony—the
agony of reprisals.

It is General Franco, too, who
can lay to rest the uneasiness
that is still felt in Europe
regarding his country. He
knows that one of the essential
preliminaries to confidence is to
send his foreign supporters out
of the country.

He "intimated to the British
Government that he will request
the withdrawal of all foreign
volunteers.... immediately after
the war has passed its decisive
phase."

He cannot but adjudge that to
have arrived now, or to be at
hand.

There is no reason for doubt-
ing that Italy, General Franco's
chief backer, will be unwilling
for her legionaries to return
home.

When Mr. Chamberlain was
in Rome, Signor Mussolini re-
newed his assurances that Italy
had "no territorial or political
aims," and desired "no pri-
vileged economic position" in
Spain.

The Italian auxiliaries can no
longer be maintained in war-torn
Spain on the plea that France is
helping the Republicans.

The whole world will feel
relief at the proclamation ending
the war that has lasted almost
a thousand days.

But it will feel far greater
relief when it knows that Italy's
troops have returned to their
own country, and Spain is again
her own master.

So long as the Italians now
remain there will be danger to
the peace of western Europe.

Neither Britain nor France
can allow them to remain.

The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World But what if the Cradle is Empty?

Britain's cradles have been getting
more and more empty for the past 60
years. And no one is able to give a satis-
factory explanation for this fact or devise
a practical solution.

YOUNG men and women, of course,
still look yearningly into each other's
eyes, hold hands, fall in love, get married—but
the cradle industry continues to sink deeper and
deeper into its slump.

Families of one or two children are the aver-
age, and the normal seven or eight of Victorian
days is looked upon as unusual.

Yet all the time the business of being a
mother is being made both safer and easier for
women, and a thousand times less painful than
a century ago, when the patriotic mammas of
Britain were automatically replacing the popu-
lation every year.

When I think of the beautiful and childless
young wife who told me the other day that "Hav-
ing a baby is such a bore!" I am apt to blame
her attitude.

But the real blame belongs to a mysterious
biological phenomenon which has swept across
Europe (carefully avoiding Russia) like a Pied
Piper with all the storks behind him—a pheno-
menon only partially connected with what is
euphemistically called Birth Control, but is more
accurately prevention.

Now Britain is going to add this problem to
all the other problems which it still has left
to solve.

THEY are faced with the fact that by
1976 the population of Great Britain
will—if the birth-rate stops falling and remains
at its present level—have sunk from 45 millions
to 33 millions.

"A very good thing too," said a man looking
over my shoulder as I wrote the above paragraph.
"We're over-populated, and that's why we've got
so many unemployed."

Unfortunately it doesn't work out that way
at all. I can give you a lot of figures to prove
this somewhat obvious

fact, but they are rather
boring, and what I really
want to write about is
the way the Govern-
ment intend to fill the
cradles of the nation.

They have precedents
to work on.
About the only con-
soling feature of the
birth-rate problem is
that France, Germany,
Italy, and the United
States are all in the
same boat with us.

Italy and Germany—
being what they are—
have attempted several
ingenious ways of dictat-
ing to nature.

Whether you can bul-
ly the stork into getting
back to its work is a
question best answered
by seeing what Messrs.
Mussolini and Hitler
have accomplished.

MUSSOLINI, himself
the father of five
children, preached the beauties
of birth control as a young man.

But he chuckled that doctrine
away with his Communism.

In 1927 he told Italy that its
cradles would have to be filled
and filled a good deal more
quickly if Italy was going to be-
come a really great Power.

Upon which, bachelors were
immediately penalised in blunt
fashion; their income tax was
doubled and the money thus
obtained was distributed to de-
serving mothers.

A sort of Santa Claus at-
mosphere pervaded the whole
marriage association, from the
honeymoon and holiday trips to
Rome all the way down to pats
on the heads for little children
at the hands of Fascist digni-
taries—and even the Duce him-
self.

And what happened?

During the first six months of
1935 there were actually 9,000
fewer babies born than during
the previous six months!

Puzzle it out for yourself, for
you are as likely to be as right
as the leading economists and
biological experts.

But I confess to thinking that
there is something rather
whimsical about all the unborn
little toddlers cocking a snoot at
Mussolini's imperative demands.

WELL, the birthrate
in Italy continues to
fall; let's cross the Alps and see
what Adolph Hitler's baby ex-
perts have accomplished.



"And now the Government
are going to add this prob-
lem to all the other problems
which they still have left to
solve."

WANTED: A Hundred Thousand Mothers

THE German news-
papers were first
flooded with articles enticing
young women to get married
and do their duty.

"The German woman must
not only be healthy and strong,"
ran one article, "but must be
willing to give her life for the
Fatherland on the bed of child-
birth just as our soldiers do on
the battlefield."

There were more attractive
propositions, too; you could read
about "Why Geniuses Always
Spring From Large Families,"
and articles on "Why The
Happiest Mothers Are Those
with BIG Families."

Every time a baby was born
in Berlin the bell in the Doen-
hoff Square was rung and lucky
mothers could have medals pin-
ned to their breasts, testifying
to their loyalty to the Fuehrer
and the Reich. Tax reductions,
lower railway fares, bureau-
cratic appointments for virile
fathers were also featured in
this scheme to enrich the nation
with hundreds of thousands of
new-born yells.

Lovers were encouraged by
600 mark loans to put their
mutual affection to practical
purpose, more than 150 million
marks being set aside each year
for this worthy purpose.

The whole business seemed
as fool-proof as the Hindenburg
Line.

And what happened?
Marriages (the Germans be-
ing an obedient race) leaped up
200,000 in two years; births in-
creased by 180,000 in the same
period. But the balance is not
adjusted, and if the rate does
not continue to increase Ger-
many's 66,000,000 will have
sunk to well below 50,000,000
by 1976.

France has for so long be-
come its falling birth-rate
that it has become Europe's
horrid example.

The French do not take kind-
ly to belabouring propaganda,
but they might be encouraged
to know that their rate is not
falling off half as rapidly as our
own in this country, where we
have dropped from 22 babies
per 1,000 of population to 14
since the war.

But now it's going to be our
turn to regiment the nursery.
From the Italian and German
experiments, there emerges for
(Continued on Page 11.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Are you a parent, too, or just an authority?"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Making Themselves Ready For Battle

NEW MOVES BY FOUR NATIONS

Worcester, Mar. 28. Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the gathering at the Army and Navy dinner to-night, said that the United States' rearmament programme was the only means of meeting possible foreign aggression against the United States, its territories or possessions.

"The United States counts upon no allies," he said, "and obviously, this time, upon no system of collective security."

Admiral Leahy assailed foreign organizations in the United States which expressed principles running counter to the system of free government, but said such groups must be allowed to meet within limits. He added that if such activities became clearly subversive, that is if they struck at the very foundations of the government or national defence, then they would have to be eradicated on a basis of the body of politics.—United Press.

FRENCH ARMY GROWS Intention to Make Colonies Self-Protective

Paris, Mar. 30. The Minister for Colonies, M. Mandel, announced to-day that the strength of the colonial army had doubled last year and in the future would be able to protect distant possessions from surprise attacks. The defence of the Empire, he said, would continue to improve for the Government intended to make the colonies self-protective.—Reuter Special.

NORWAY'S DEFENCE Parliament to be Asked For Increased Vote

Oslo, Mar. 30. The Norwegian Government will, according to informed quarters here, shortly demand the Storting to make an appropriation of 50,000,000 kroner for extraordinary expenses necessitated by the strengthening of national defence.

It is pointed out in the same quarters that although the Premier recently declined to envisage augmentation of the military budget, the growing international tension has led to revision of this attitude, and the Government would therefore request the Storting to vote funds now regarded as indispensable.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET SUBMARINES Brought to Far East By Ship and Train

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Answering questions by foreign correspondents, Rear-Admiral Masao Kanasawa, Chief of the Publicity Department of the Navy Ministry, pointed out to-day that most of the Soviet submarines in the Far East have been constructed in European Russia and brought by railway or steamer to Vladivostok.

Admitting that some of them might have been built at Vladivostok, the spokesman said that despite Press reports, the number of Soviet submarines brought to the Far East by sea must be very small.

A Press message from Singapore recently said that Soviet submarines were observed passing off Singapore en route to Vladivostok from Europe. The spokesman said that Soviet submarines apparently consisted of two classes, one of 1,200 tons and the other of 600 tons.—Domei.

Italy

Il Duce On Tour

Rome, Mar. 30. Signor Mussolini arrived by special train this morning in Calabria in fulfilment of the promise made last autumn to tour this district forming the southern extremity of Italy. He is accompanied by two members of the Cabinet, Count Starace and Signor Alfieri, and his private secretary.

Il Duce will begin his tour at the coastal town of Paola, proceeding first to Belmonte, where he will place a wreath on the grave of Michele Bianchi, the first general secretary of the Fascist Party, and afterwards he will drive to Cosenza, the capital of Calabria.—Trans-Ocean.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? appogee misaddress shandygaf mischievous misalliance nepholosis misspellings English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 5.

Spain

Franco Completes Conquest

Paris, Mar. 30. The Nationalist Spanish fleet which entered Cartagena this morning to take over Spain's main naval base found the biggest battleship, Jaime Príncipe, half submerged and three partly built submarines rusting in the shipyard.

Motorised troops entered Sagunto and took over important blast furnaces to prevent sabotage. It is officially confirmed that the Nationalists took over Valencia, Almeria, Jaen, Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca and Guadalupe, but they have still to occupy Alicante and Murcia.

Antonio Mofredo has been designated Governor of Valencia. Civil guards support the administration and an 8 p.m. curfew is in force.—United Press.

REPUBLICANS FLEE

Valencia was completely in the hands of the Nationalists last evening. The celebrations in the streets still continue, although they appear to be diminishing.

The Nationalists have now infiltrated a huge circle round Madrid and also a big section of the coastal region around Valencia. They advanced to Murcia and continued south-east towards the coast. It is reliably stated that it will be at least a few days before the Nationalist troops move northward from the Murcia region. They delay in military occupation will leave the port of Alicante, in addition to Gerdin, open for the exodus of at least a portion of those wishing to leave.—United Press.

Republican Refugees

General Miaja, former commander-in-chief of the Republican Spanish forces, according to French press reports, arrived yesterday by plane from Valencia at Oran. He arrived unaccompanied and fell asleep immediately because he had not rested the last three days of his flight from Madrid.

Seven more Republican army planes arrived yesterday at the Oran airport with 54 Spanish officers. General Miaja left Oran by the night express for Algiers.—Trans-Ocean.

Miaja in Tears

General Miaja arrived here in tears. Shiploads of refugees continue to arrive from Cartagena, but it is doubtful whether they will be allowed to land.—Reuter.

Britain

Reaction To Territorial Army Increase

London, Mar. 30. All newspapers give prominence to Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of the doubling of the territorial army, and to M. Daladier's broadcast, and warmly welcome both, with the exception of the Daily Mail which regrets that the Government is clinging to the voluntary system and urges conscription.

The Times declares that the reception to the Prime Minister's announcement showed how truly it reflected the nation's desires. The Daily Telegraph says that Mr. Chamberlain's momentous announcement has been received with approval as well as relief and no step could be more welcome and timely.

Referring to M. Daladier's statement, The Times says that he spoke like a man sure of himself and his country.

Editorialists similarly eulogise M. Daladier's dignified and firm stand and trust that his warning will be heeded by aggressors.—Reuter.

BRITISH REACTION

London, Mar. 30. The announcement by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday that the strength of the territorial army would be doubled has been received with satisfaction by the British public, according to reports published in the Press.

The question under general discussion to-day, however, is how the additional 200,000 men required will be recruited if the principle of voluntary enlistment is to be upheld. The frequently expressed supposition that the doubling of the British territorial army would at once automatically provide the 10 divisions promised to France in case of war and would, in fact, allow this strength to be increased if not actually doubled, is considered in well-informed circles to be erroneous. It is emphasised that these 200,000 new recruits will have to be trained, and that the training of the territorial army is restricted merely to several weeks in the summer, and membership does not imply abandonment of civil occupation.

The Central Council of the territorial army sent a circular telegram last night to all members and associations of the territorial army to be recruited if the principle of voluntary enlistment is to be upheld. Individual associations are required to state by April 20 what they need in the way of equipment, barracks and supplies for new recruits.

Trade unions, which are triumphant at the final rejection of compulsory military training, have, according to press reports, offered their services for the recruiting campaign. In consequence of increased activity in the armament industries it is hoped, both in trade union and Government circles, to find employment for almost 2,000,000 workers who are now idle.

Man in Iron Lung

Miami, Mar. 30. Mrs. Fred Snite, Sen., mother of the "man in the iron lung" Fred Snite, said to-day that she had no knowledge of the reported plans to take her son to Europe in the summer. She said she would know nothing definite until her husband's return from abroad.—United Press.

Poland

BRITISH GUARANTEE HINTED

Negotiations between London and Warsaw for the establishment of closer relations between Britain and Poland in connection with certain British guarantees for the integrity of Polish territory are stated in well-informed circles here to have made considerable progress.

Polish quarters affirm that the British Government is prepared to accede to the Polish Government's wishes in respect of exclusion of the Soviet Union from the negotiations for drawing up of a declaration against aggression, and in the same quarters the belief prevails that a complete agreement between London and Warsaw will be reached before the arrival here of the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, on April 4. In this case, it is added, Colonel Beck's negotiations would be concerned in the first place with practical carrying out of the British guarantees.

An important British loan to Poland for the purpose of strengthening Polish armaments is also stated to be under serious consideration and the sum of £20,000,000 is mentioned in this connection.

Much interest has been aroused here by an article of the well-informed diplomatic correspondent of the Manchester Guardian who writes that the French Air Minister's visit to London next Monday forms part of a close Anglo-French co-operation which will henceforth be extended to Eastern Europe. The correspondent indicates that the situation in Europe is at present dominated by British-Polish relations, in which a transformation of such magnitude has taken place that Britain may accept the obligations which only very few observers would have thought possible a fortnight ago.—Trans-Ocean.

Fresh Claims Presented To Council

Shanghai, Mar. 30. The Chinese Special Municipal Government of Shanghai on Wednesday made a fresh representation to the Shanghai Municipal Council, mandating an immediate reply to its representation of March 10.

A copy of the second note was handed to the head of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps.

It is understood that the Chinese Municipal Government regretted that no reply had yet been given by the Municipal Council to the five proposals including control of unlawful elements, restoration of police stations on the Extra Settlement road, reorganisation of the First Special District Court, surrender of the land register, and prohibition of the flying of the Chinese flag.

Declaring that the agreement with powers regarding the First Special District Court would expire on March 31, Mayor Fu warned that the Chinese Municipal Government would not recognise decisions of the District Court after April 1 unless it was taken over by the Municipal Government immediately.—Domei.

FOUR CHINESE WOUNDED BUT TARGET MISSED

Shanghai, Mar. 30. Four Chinese were slightly injured by a bullet fired by a Japanese sentry towards the Settlement from the Szechuen Road Bridge. The sentry opened fire when a Chinese of the coolie class failed to halt on being challenged. Apparently the Chinese, who was crossing the bridge, flashed a pass and walked in the direction of the Settlement, whereupon the sentry ordered him to halt. The Chinese, however, began to run and the sentry fired. The bullet missed him, but nicked four other Chinese.—United Press.

ment for almost 2,000,000 workers who are now idle.

In well-informed circles the decision of the Cabinet is considered to be the outcome of the recent visit of the French President, M. Albert Lebrun, because immediately after the termination of his visit a rumour was in circulation in London that the French Foreign Minister, Georges Bonnet, had several conversations with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax and had strongly urged adoption of compulsory military service by Great Britain. The attack of the Eden-Churchill group on Mr. Chamberlain did played an essential role.—Trans-Ocean.

Japan

Mobilising Country's Labour

Tokyo, Mar. 30. A new Imperial Ordinance will be promulgated on March 31 involving Articles VI and XXII of the National General Mobilisation Act designed to control employment of skilled labour and juvenile workers.

Article VI will be effective on April 20 and Article XXII as from May 5. Under Article VI, restrictions are imposed on the employment of skilled workers so as to adjust the demand for skilled labour, while under Article XXII the owners of factories employing more than 200 hands are compelled to train juvenile workers between the ages of 14 and 17 in technical and moral courses for a period of three years. Article XXII, restricting the dividends of business corporations, will be invoked on April 1. Business corporations paying high dividends are to maintain the present rate. If they want to increase it more than two per cent, they are to obtain Government permission.—Domei.

National Thrift Drive

Tokyo, Mar. 30. The National Thrift Drive, which aimed to increase popular savings by Yen 8,000,000,000 during the current fiscal year ending March 31, has resulted in the increase of Yen 6,038,000,000 in ordinary bank and postal savings deposits up to the end of February.

With the increase in bank deposits for the month of March reckoned at Yen 650,000,000, the figure for the corresponding month last year, the increase for the year will amount to about Yen 7,300,000,000, falling short of the mark set by Yen 7,000,000,000. The National Thrift Drive for the next fiscal year beginning April 1 will aim to reach Yen 10,000,000,000. In the current fiscal year, the Government issued Yen 4,100,000,000 bonds with Yen 430,000,000 still to be issued, while the next financial year will witness the issue of Yen 5,000,000,000 bonds in addition to a further Yen 2,000,000,000 unused during the current fiscal year.—Domei.

SITUATION DISCUSSED

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Baron Hiranuma on Wednesday called on Prince Fumimaro Konoye, President of the Privy Council and concurrently Minister without Portfolio and it is understood discussed various phases of the current political situation at home and abroad. Prince Konoye will return to visit to Baron Hiranuma on Saturday.—Domei.

Resigns from Cabinet

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Mr. Seigo Nakano, Director of the Tohokai, minority political party, yesterday sent in his resignation as a member of the House of Representatives.

To the Press Mr. Nakano said that he would devote himself to the organisation of a new national movement for Japan's rising generation. He said that the entire responsibility rested with him for the recent abortive movement for formation of a new political party by amalgamating the Social Mass Party and the Tohokai.

Referring to his recent tour of China, Mr. Nakano said that as the result of his personal associations with the Chinese people in action, he observed amid the chaos on the spot new hopes gradually growing for the settlement of the situation. He was firmly convinced that it was the vigour of youths that was leading Japan to a new restoration. The vigour of the rising generation would command itself to the construction of a new order in East Asia, and he would take the initiative in launching a "basic movement" on which the future of Japan would hinge.

He hoped that the movement would command itself to youths in Manchukuo, China, India, Burma and other parts of East Asia.

The Tohokai is threatened with a serious split as there is more than one member likely to withdraw.—Domei.

Party Disorganised

Tokyo, Mar. 17. The Tohokai, a minor political party headed by Mr. Seigo Nakano, following an emergency meeting at Mr. Nakano's residence this morning, has formally decided to disorganise its group in the Diet and strive for the inauguration of a "basic national movement" in the interest of the rising generation of Japan.—Domei.

PRINCE CHICHIBU

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Prince Chichibu, younger brother of the Emperor, was the guest of honour at a banquet given by the Manchukuo Ambassador, Mr. Yuan Chen-yue, on Wednesday night in celebration of Manchukuo's accession to the tripartite anti-Comintern pact. Herr Eugen Ott, the German Ambassador, and Signor Giacinto Auriti, the Italian Ambassador, Mr. Itachiro Arita, the Foreign Minister, General Itagaki, the Minister of War, Admiral Yonai, the Minister of Navy, and other distinguished personalities attended the function.—Domei.

Women To Hold Air Show

NEWCASTLE, Australia. An aerial pageant which will be directed entirely by women, from pilots to ground organisation, is being prepared by the Newcastle Women's Flying Club. Twenty of the 40 members of the club are training for the event.

American Plan

Chicago, Mar. 30. An international congress of American Czechs and Slovaks which will make plans for the establishment of a free Czechoslovakia in a free Europe will be held within the next month, either in Chicago or New York, according to an announcement by the nephew of Dr. Benes. Delegates from various cities will represent 1,500,000 Czechs and Slovaks in the United States.—Reuter Bulletin.

China

'PUPPETS' DENOUNCE POWERS

Warning Issued In Policy Statement

Nanking, Mar. 30. The Joint Commission of the Provisional Government at Peiping and the Reformed Government at Nanking to-day issued a statement denouncing the Powers which continuously assist the Chiang Kai-shek regime.

Reminding that both the Peiping and the Nanking regimes upon their establishment announced their decisions not to recognize monetary and material allowances to the Chiang Kai-shek regime by the Powers, the statement re-affirms its declaration of September to the effect that those who refuse to discontinue assistance will be regarded as China's public enemies.

Apparently being afraid that realisation of peace in the Orient is disadvantageous to them, they have since complied with the Chiang Kai-shek regime's requests for loans more than once, the statement continues.

"The Chiang regime is at the present moment faced by imminent collapse. At the very moment, Great Britain has extended a £10,000,000 loan to it. The action tends to hamper peace in the Orient in disregard of the grave sacrifices exacted from the Chinese people in connection with the prolonged hostilities," the statement says.

"While it goes without saying that all loans and contracts that have been concluded between the Chiang regime and the Powers since the outbreak of the China Incident are without exception null and void, in the event of the pro-Chiang Kai-shek Powers continuing such actions as obstructing the return of peace, the two new governments will eventually find it impossible to maintain the spirit of friendship with third Powers and respect of their vested rights and interests, as announced by the new governments upon their inauguration," the statement concludes.—Domei.

Shanghai

South America

Designs By Germany And Italy

Washington, Mar. 30. Diplomatic information has been received, says the United Press correspondent at Washington, that Germany and Italy will use the triumph of the Spanish Nationalists in an attempt to strengthen their economic and political influence in South America. The information has caused increased concern here.

The announcement of the barter pact between Argentina and Germany has also had a disturbing effect, as it is reported that other barter deals are pending.

The United States, in a counter offensive on Latin America, has encountered congressional difficulties as the House Appropriations Committee has eliminated a \$250,000 agricultural appropriations item, intended to strengthen agricultural representation in South America, and the Senate passage of the Sugar Bill is regarded as likely to damage Cuba. Furthermore, the drive by vegetable oil interests for further excise taxes has worried several trade agreement countries.—United Press.



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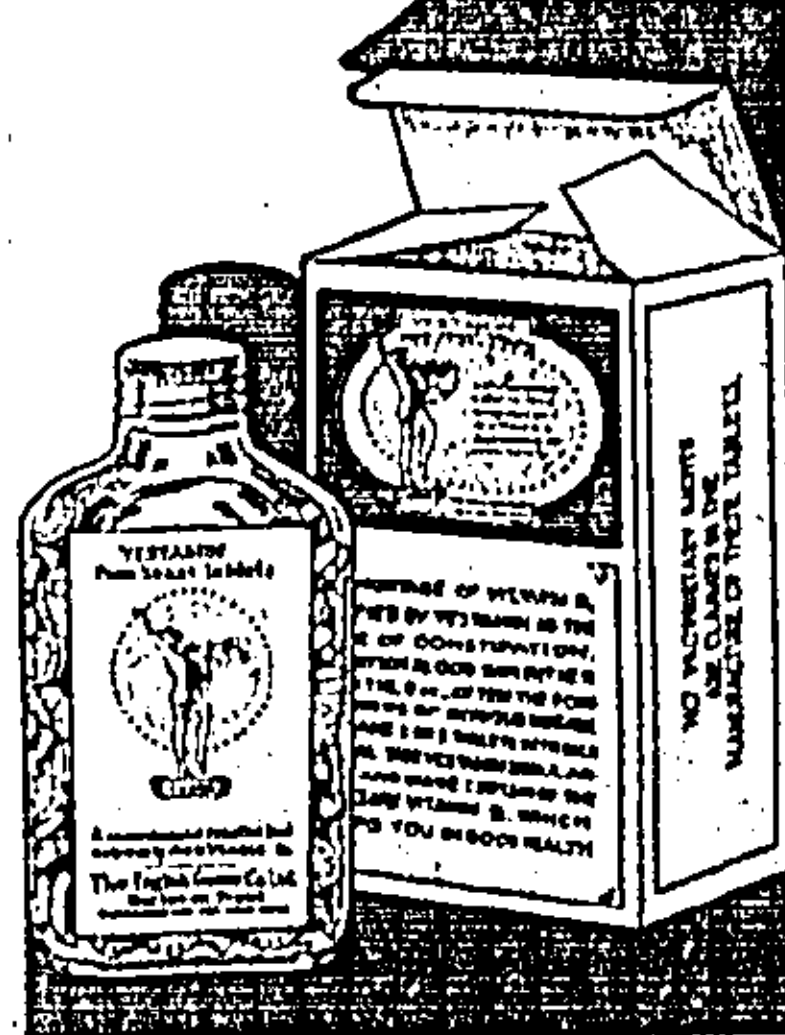
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ENTRIES UP TO MARK IN APRIL MEET OF CLUB

SPECIAL DOLLAR SWEEP ON GOVERNOR'S CUP

(By "Captain Foster")

Very satisfactory entries have been received for the April Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Arcia Preta on Sunday. I understand that the s.s. Taisan will be on the run. The time of her departure is not yet advertised, but it must not doubt be the usual 9.30 a.m.

With the curtain dropped down at Kwanti, Sunday holiday makers and followers of the turf will no doubt look forward to Macao to provide them with a good day's sport among the lower classes of China ponies.

The Macao Jockey Club has left no stone unturned, for in addition to the major contest, the Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency the Macao Governor, there will be a cup to the most successful jockey who scores the highest points, five for a win, two for a second and one for a third.

There are seven attractive events on the card, a special dollar cash sweep being conducted on the Governor's Cup which is the sixth race on the programme. No provision has been made for an "F" class event to be contested at Happy Valley during the Easter session with the result that the Highfield Handicap has been divided into two sections owing to the many entries received for the race over the mile.

Fairy Ousel Favoured To Win Event

The opening event will be the Rainton Handicap for China ponies "Y" class of any season that have not won more than \$500 in stakes since January and the run is over the six furlongs course. It will be an interesting race for it will be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than ten events. Both Fairy Ousel and Victory Life are at the head of the assessment, but I doubt whether the latter will accept as I have been given to understand that the owner wants to have a go at the Governor's Cup. I like Fairy Ousel, but Gold Clause is a danger provided of course he does not act the goat. The latter is a good buck jumper and I can still visualize how he unsent Mr. "Pinky" Botelho in the Itha Verde Handicap on September 12, 1937. The jockey had to ease off for a few months on account of a dislocated collar bone. Merry Fatty is not a bad outsider provided Mr. Cooper can get down to the allotment of 140 lbs.

Nine Ponies Assigned To First Section

The weight controller has assigned nine China ponies to the first section of the Highfield Handicap over a

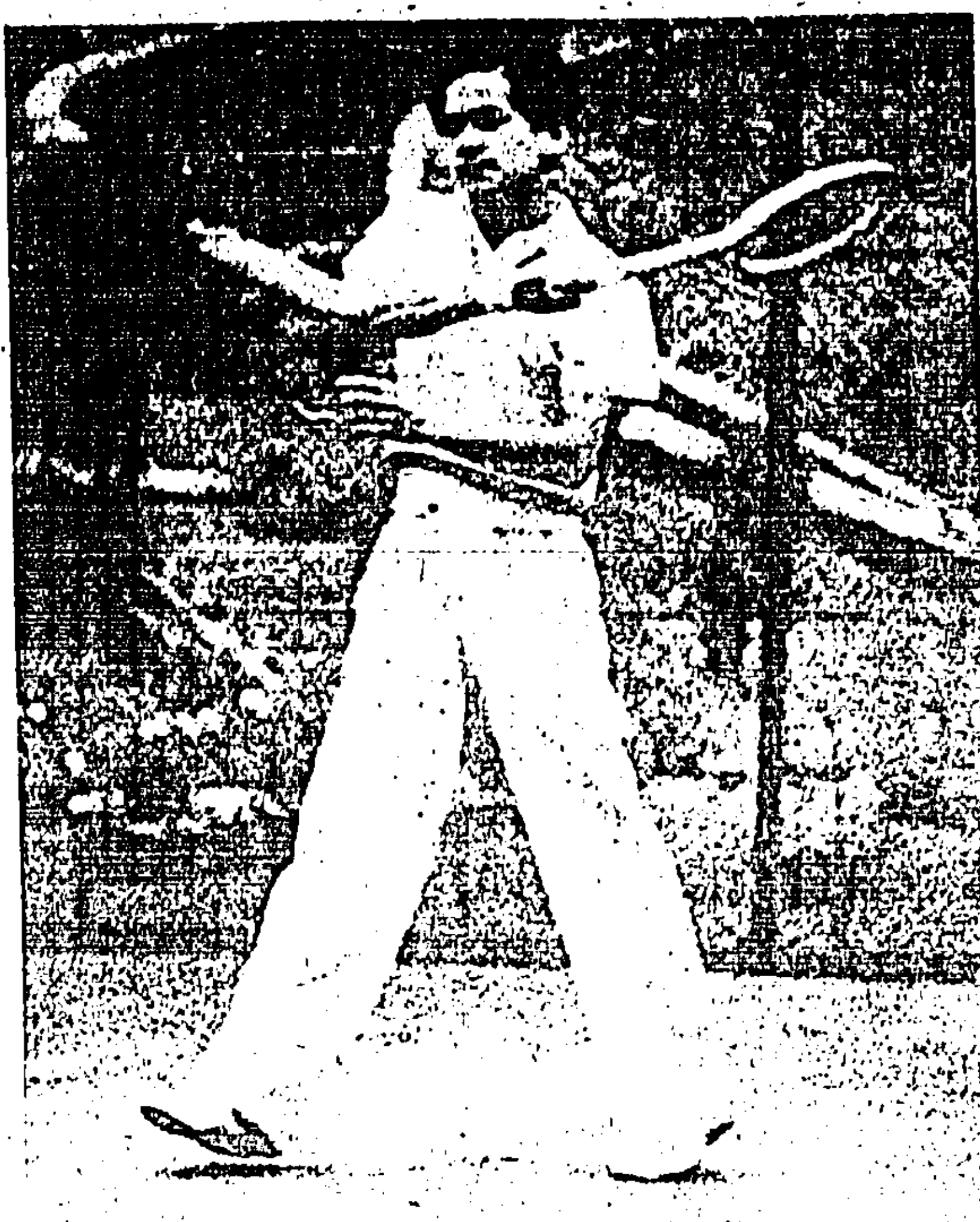
mile, but we needn't worry about Stymie who has been given a smack in the head and is now in the happy hunting grounds. The Fanning Jockey, King's Parade, is in this section and I certainly fancy him to win. Although he was not among the first three, I was much impressed with his running in the Oldtimers' Handicap at Kwanti on March 12, when he finished fourth in the company of "D" class riders. It may perhaps be of interest to know that this chestnut and other Fanning chasers such as Double Chance, Diogenes, Ebony Idol, Sylvandale and Zero are trained by a clever and smart handicapper who has won a few good minor events. They are too numerous to enumerate, but his latest success with Sylvandale in the Jockey Cup at the annual big meeting deserved a put on the back. However, I have not seen Mr. Ad-venturer in the Au Tau Handicap when he was trained by Heriot, but it has been whispered to me that the connections expect to pull through this event on Sunday. Chrysolis is a new comer among this lot. If he should give us a duplicate copy of his form when the buy gelding finished third behind Dekko and National Dignity in the Pokfulam Handicap on April 18, last year, I cannot see anything to bet him. Lucky Eleven is now in its proper class and he is worth backing \$5 each way.

National Dignity Well Loaded

In the second section of the same event, National Dignity has a heavy burden of 163 lbs. to shoulder and this may hinder his chance. Both Laitiat and Persian Cat are nicely weighted, but the book form reveals that the former is not a good miller. I have not much news about Persian Cat, which is being trained in Macao, but it will be recalled that he, with Mr. Cooper in the saddle, ran a good race in the Republican Handicap—(second-section)—and I would recommend you to have some money on this pony.

Bendigo Handicap An Open Race

The Bendigo Handicap for non-winning subscription griffins of the Hongkong Jockey Club of this season over six furlongs has attracted only half a dozen entries. It is not possible to "get a line" on these six racers, for all of them finished, I think, nearly the tail end at the Annual Carnival. The ponies have been given weight for inches as per scale and it looks to me that Charcoal is about the best of the bunch.



Lim Thiam-tet entered the quarter-finals of the Colony tennis singles championship yesterday by beating E. C. Fincher in two hard-fought sets. On the whole he showed good all-round form.

Rugby League Tie Won By Barrow

London, Mar. 30. In the Rugby League Barrow defeated Widnes by 9-2 to-day.—*Reuter.*

This brownie is very fond of twirling his tail and it is earnestly hoped that he will not shut up like a knife when coming round the bend for the home stretch. I am afraid that High Tower is not a nice animal to ride, for he is very fond of running in and out. The Spirit of St. Louis lacks speed and energy.

A Good Field Expected For Fulwell H'cap

I expect to see a good field in the Fulwell Handicap and we shall see a good fight among the "D" class riders over a sprint of six furlongs. Double Chance, Flybynight, Gold Sovereign and Good Morning do not require any formal introduction, for all of them have done well on the Portuguese course. I may be wrong, but I will only consider the chance of Flybynight if the pony is ridden by Mr. Peter Wel. In the Kinsu Handicap run on January 8, Gold Sovereign, the winner, and Good Morning, who finished behind, were on the same level, but on Sunday the former has to concede 7 lbs. of lead and in the circumstance the English gold coin appeals to me as a better race. Of course the position comes from, I think, Double Chance who has been kindly treated. The last named with Mr. Needa ran a good second behind Salvage Master in the Royal Navy Cup beating

Selections Made By "Capt. Foster"

My selections for the first six events are as follows:
RAINTON HANDICAP
Fairy Ousel
Gold Clause
Merry Fatty
HIGHFIELD HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)
King's Parade
Mao's Adventure
Chrysolis
HIGHFIELD HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)
Persian Cat
National Dignity
Cloudy Star
BENDIGO HANDICAP
Charcoal
High Tower
Sports Gesture
FULWELL HANDICAP
Gold Sovereign
Double Chance
Flybynight
GOVERNOR'S CUP
Fairy Auk
Victory Life
Hogmanay

several classy 'uns among the old subscription griffins, and if that form can be reproduced, Double Chance should register his first win for Major H. H. Oliver. Apart from the fact that she has never made the excursion to Macao, I cannot recommend Royal Highness as the mare has a propensity to let you down for no earthly reason. Furthermore I have no use for any pony weighing out with blinkers. In my estimation Cuban Love, Lencashire Chap, National Anthem and Tribute belong to another street.

FORMER PERAK CHAMPION IMPRESSES ON STAND COURT

LIM THIAM-TET BEATS FINCHER IN TWO SETS

(By "Abe")

Playing as well as he has done of late, E. C. Fincher found yesterday that this was not good enough when he met Lim Thiam-tet, former champion of Perak, in the third round of the Colony tennis singles championship on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and was defeated by 8-6, 10-8. As a result of this victory, Lim enters the quarter-finals.

The scores give a good indication of how close the match was throughout. True, Fincher might have taken the first set but he badly misjudged a ball which was going outside at a crucial moment and the opportunity never came back again. That Fincher was the more experienced player of the two was obvious right through the match, but his execution very often was faulty.

On the other hand, Lim, who made his debut on the stand court, had all his strokes, except one, beautifully under control. His drive was, in almost perfect order on both wings, and though he seldom went up to the net, when he was forced to do so he showed he had quite a reliable volley and smash.

For some inexplicable reason he persisted with a drop shot which, against another man, might have had the effects of a boomerang. He has not yet perfected the shot and probably would do well to discard it in tournament play. As it was yesterday Fincher got to the ball nine times out of ten and should have scored more winners with his return shots than he actually did.

One has to admit, however, that when Fincher failed to make an outright winner of his return, Lim passed him with splendid drives down the line or beat him with a finely-judged lob.

NOT A WINNER

On the whole, one formed the impression that Lim did not test the drop-shot with which to score winners but as a means to lure Fincher up to the net. If this is correct, then he certainly succeeded.

In all other departments of the game, however, Lim seems to be extremely well-equipped. He revealed no real weakness in yesterday's match, and I could not help thinking that he would have been more effective had he forsaken his drop-shot for straight-honest-to-goodness tennis. He was foot-faulted a couple of times in his service, and though affected by this to a certain extent he showed he had the right temperament for getting over it quickly. Fincher started off the match as if he meant business and, playing extremely well, he won the first two games. Lim settled down after this and took a lead of 5-3. At this stage, he was footfaulted and he quickly dropped the next three games. But he recovered just in time, thanks to an error of judgment by Fincher. Leading 6-5 and the scores deuced, Fincher took a ball which would have gone out by a yard,

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

Lim Thiam-tet beat E. C. Fincher 8-6, 10-8.
Tsui Wai-pui (holder) beat Wong Shiu-wing 6-3, 6-2.
I. M. A. Razack beat Luk Chun-cheung 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Open Doubles

Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky received a walk-over from Lt. D. C. Misra and Lt. S. M. Afzal.

Razack and Luk Chun-cheung. The game was reduced to a test of stamina and the Indian, because of his greater lasting power, won after three sets. In the final set with the scores deadlocked at 5-5, spectators were amazed to see Luk being given a rub-down by friends, thus breaking one of the most important rules of the game. But his five-minutes' rest was of no avail.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:

Open Singles.—J. M. Tomlinson v. W. J. Howard; J. W. Leonard v. H. D. Runjahn.
Open Doubles.—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. Paul Kong and Szeto Bick.

Both Crews Considered To Be Below Average

London, Mar. 30. Although both the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews are considered to be below the average, one of the closest races in years is expected on Saturday morning when the race will be decided, starting at 11 a.m.

Cambridge were installed as slight favourites during the early training, but reports and discussion in camp, which had an unsettling effect on the crew, caused the betting to veer 6-4 to 5 on Oxford despite the fact that they made the unprecedented action of changing the stroke a week before the race.

R. A. Bourne, who was originally selected to stroke the Oxford crew, was deposed because of a suspected weakness in stamina. This action breaks a family tradition; Bourne's grand-father and father stroked Oxford crews.

J. R. Bingham, who is substituted, is considered more physically suited. He certainly has infused more life into the Oxford stroking and has kept the crew well together.

Hart Massey, son of the Canadian High Commissioner in London, has the distinction of being the smallest coxswain in the history of the Boat Race. He stands 4 ft. 2 ins. and weighs 5 st. 1½ lbs.—*Reuter.*

LITTLE TO CHOOSE

London, Mar. 30. With only a couple of days left for practice, the Oxford and Cambridge crews are concluding their strenuous preparation on the tidal-way which has been interrupted

Golf

H. COTTON NOW LEADS 3 STROKES

London, Mar. 30. At Bourne-mouth to-day, Henry Cotton, with an aggregate of 144 over 36 holes, led the field at the end of the second round in the Daily Mail professional Golf Tournament. Cotton had a 75 to-day and is three strokes ahead of Dai Rees. Next are G. Knight, C. A. Whitcombe and A. Compston with aggregates of 149.

Others include Reginald Whitcombe 151, Cecil Denny (who led with Cotton in the first round) 154, and Alfred Perry 155.

Forty-nine players with aggregates of 138 or better qualified for Friday's final 36 holes.—*Reuter.* There seems little to choose between them. Oxford is heavier and more powerful, but it is doubtful whether she can retain the balance when striking quickly. Cambridge with a quick-stroking and well-balanced crew has reached the peak of preparation at a psychological moment and shown fine watermanship in heavy water.—*Reuter.*

MAIN RACE SHOULD SEE GOOD FIGHT

The Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency Dr. A. T. de Sousa Barboza is a handicap hunt among the "Y" class China ponies over the mile course and the event has to be completed every six months during Spring and Autumn. The pony, Merry Doer, which annexed this event last May, is not in existence, but Shanghai 4, the Autumn winner, is among the list of entries. There is no doubt that Shanghai 4 has been on the wane since he returned from the walking list after the resumption in 1938. After capturing the Governor's Cup with Mr. Encarnacao in the saddle at the fall, I was sanguine, in fact held out hopes, that Mr. Potts' champion would stage a comeback, but the last three subsequent outings of the Macao pride were very disappointing displays. His last unplaced running in the Chunghau Cup before the Chinese New Year was certainly not due to the encumbrance of the avoirdupois and Shanghai 4 has been asked to carry only 140 lbs. on Sunday against 160 lbs. to be shouldered by Fairy Auk belonging to Mrs. F. J. Gellion. A drop of 10 lbs. in favour of the old warrior seems to suggest that the weight adjuster has let the pony in or perhaps he intends to put a full stop to Fairy Auk's successes.

Shanghai 4 made his first appearance in the Tsin Shan Plate (five furlongs) run on September 13, 1936, and with Mr. Deltz up the combination romped home first with a few pounds to spare. It will be interesting to recall that in the same afternoon the grey gelding (it was then owned by Mr. J. A. Victor) weighed out for Pao Shan Plate over seven furlongs and the Stewards of the Macao Jockey Club ordered the charger to carry 7 lbs. extra. It was learned that the extra poundage was incurred on account of the pony winning the Tsin Shan Plate, and not unnaturally the owner Mr. J. A. Victor protested, but got no redress.

The conditions of the Pao Shan Plate were: "For China Ponies, subscription ponies of this club 1938. Weight for inches as per scale." It must be borne in mind that the race referred to (Pao Shan Plate) was an open event (not a handicap) and in the circumstance the additional poundage of poundage by the Stewards was unparalleled in the annals of racing along the China coast ports. Luckily the impost of 7 lbs. on Shanghai 4 gave us the best race of the afternoon, for he just managed to secure the verdict by a short head. From that day onwards Shanghai 4 has always been on the crest of the handicap, but let us see what he will do on Sunday with only 140 lbs. My fancy is Fairy Auk.

LAST EVENT

The meeting will terminate with a scramble over half a mile for China ponies of "D" and "E" classes that have started and not won. Being post entries, readers will have to make their own selections.

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BEIGE and STONE are starred for spring, but they are difficult to wear. Try powders until you find one that looks like the bloom on a pale side of a peach. Your rouge must be the clear red of a ripe apple, your lipstick matching. A blue-black or green-blue mascara will look better than the sophistication of black, a grey, blue, or green eye shadow fresher than more exotic colours.

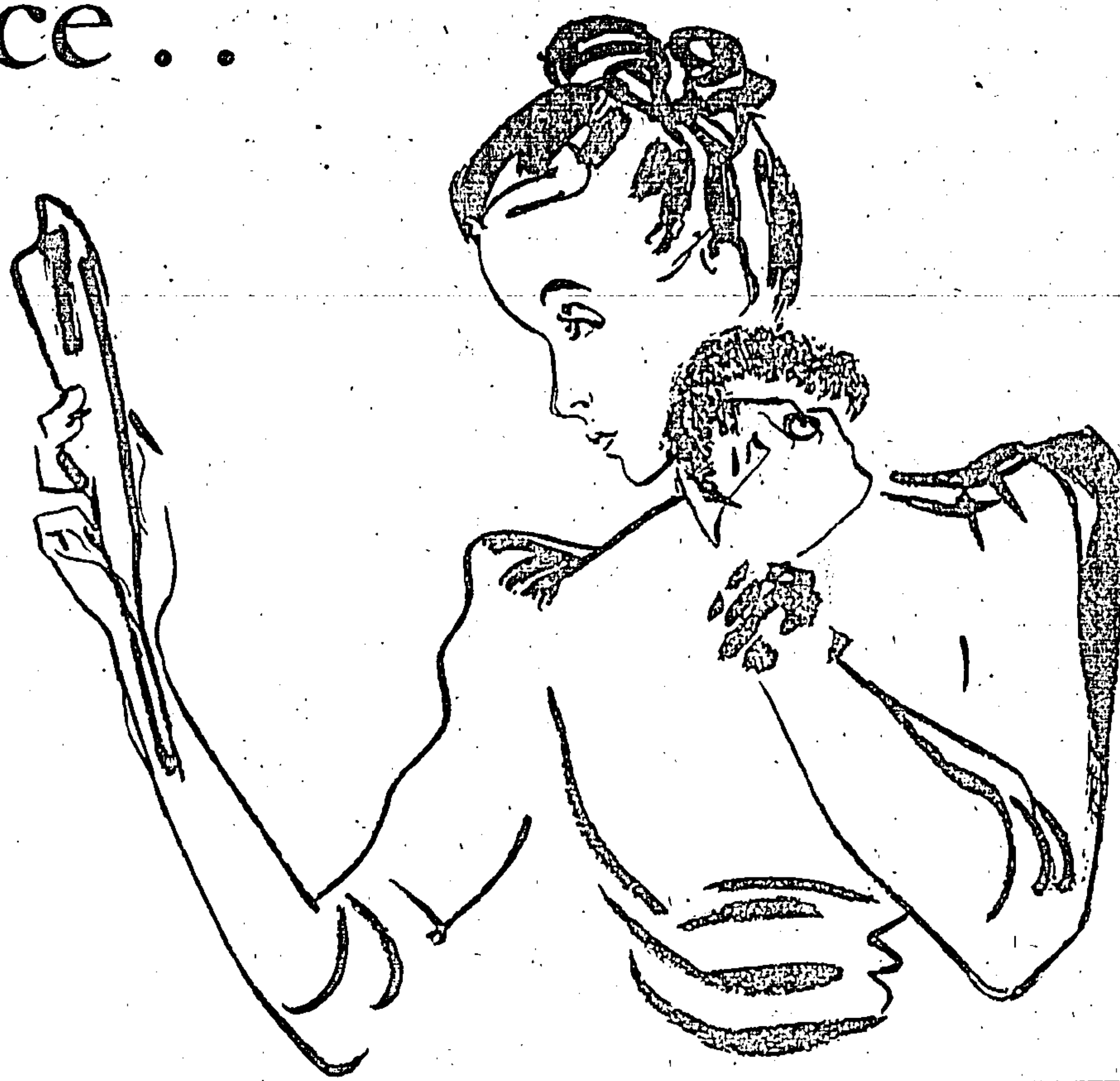
PINKS and PURPLES are still with us, but you want a warmer, more robust look in spring sunshine. Buy a darker pink and mix it with your winter shade. Your lipstick must be softer in tone, rosier than the winter eyeshadow; your rouge must have less matte in it. Blue mascara and eye shadow is more gentle to eyes tired after late winter nights than matte.

YELLOW is high fashion, but hard on the complexion. A pinky look is unbecoming, but not worse than a jaundiced effect. You want a powder the shade of a peeled banana. Lipstick and rouge must be that pure soft pomegranate colour. Eye make-up must be clear and young-looking—mascara and eye shadow a fresh green or blue.

GREENY-YELLOWS are important this season. Make-up should be rather like that for yellow, but rouge and lipstick should be lighter, with just a hint of orange.

BLACK or NAVY in spring wants careful make-up. Powder have no tinge of yellow, but the skin must look warm. The best thing, for average skins, is a first coat of pale pink powder with a dusting of warmer peach on top. Lipstick and rouge must be brilliant with neither orange nor blue undertones. Dark blue mascara is younger than black.

PASTELS and WHITE will be in soon. Nothing looks worse than a sophisticated maquillage with lugenue colours. Let your powder be a clear pale peach, your lipstick and rouge a clear rose. Be sparing with eye make-up; pale green or blue is best.



Thoughtlessly Destructive Children

WHY are the boys of seven and upwards so thoughtlessly destructive?

The advent of new boys in school means that I must keep my eyes open, otherwise much school property will be damaged.

These boys come from good homes. They are well fed and clothed, and have no vices, but many of them are utterly careless when dealing with my property or their own personal belongings. They have to be constantly reminded to hang their clothes in the proper place, to tie their shoelaces properly, and to take care of books, pens, pencils, and other school requisites.

When a small boy in the sick room was lent an illustrated copy of "Peter Pan" he tore out all the full page pictures, folded them in a variety of shapes and put them in the pocket of his dressing gown.

When I saw Bill, aged eight, digging holes in the tennis lawn with the heel of his shoe, I asked—"What would your mother say if I did the same thing to her lawn?" he answered—"She'd be very angry." But he had no respect for my property. Not till later.

Disregard for Others Property

A boarder of only a few months went to his dormitory, opened the window in a gale, and allowed it to blow off its hinges. The same thoughtless fellow sat with his feet on the staves of the chairs, wiped his sticky fingers under the seat of the chair or table, scraped his feet on the linoleum or carpet, and being one of those children who must touch and handle things damages them in the process. His latest exploit was to use the cork mat in the bathroom as a sponge until he broke it in half.

I have flower borders round the school playing field. Some boys show little love for flower borders, plants, or flowers, and trample over them. There is at the moment a large hole in the ornamental wall. This was caused by a boy who amused himself in swinging the door and banging the key into the wall. He told me he did not mean to do it. Another new boy, in his first term, managed to smash

But Parents Are To Blame

By A SCHOOLMASTER

about a dozen panes of glass in an outbuilding.

When a mother interviewed me recently she brought three children with her. During the whole interview the children were walking round my study, picking up first one article and then another, drumming upon the piano, and making themselves generally at home with my furniture.

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Prune Custard Pudding

Overnight soak two cups of prunes and then cut out the stones and roughly chop up the fruit. Butter a pie-dish, and prepare some slices of bread and butter. Fill the dish with layers of bread and butter, sugar, prunes, and a little grated nutmeg, and finish off with a layer of bread.

Now make the custard by beating a large egg in two cups of milk, and pouring this over the other ingredients. Stand the dish in a pan of water and cook in a moderate oven for about an hour.

Prune Tart

Stew a pound of prunes in the usual way, and when tender pass through a sieve.

Beat the yolks of two eggs with a gill of milk and the prune pulp and then whisk the egg whites and add them. Line some pastry tins with short crust and fill with the mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes.

Prunes in the Meat Course

Prunes give a delicious flavour to meat pies and puddings, and make a shepherd's pie an out-of-the-ordin-

Modes And Manners

QUESTION: "Please enlighten me on this point of etiquette: Should the spoon be dipped away from the body for soft foods as well as soups?"

ANSWER: The rule mentioned applies to soups only. The motion followed by the spoon or fork for eating soft and semi-solid foods is toward the body, if these are better managed that way, which, as a rule, they are.

QUESTION: "Should asparagus be eaten with the fingers or a fork?"

ANSWER: The fork should be used.

any dish. Add some tomato ketchup and a minced onion as well as some stoned prunes to any cold, leftover meat. Mince the meat and arrange the ingredients in layers. Top with mashed potatoes and you will have a dish with an intriguing "different" flavour.

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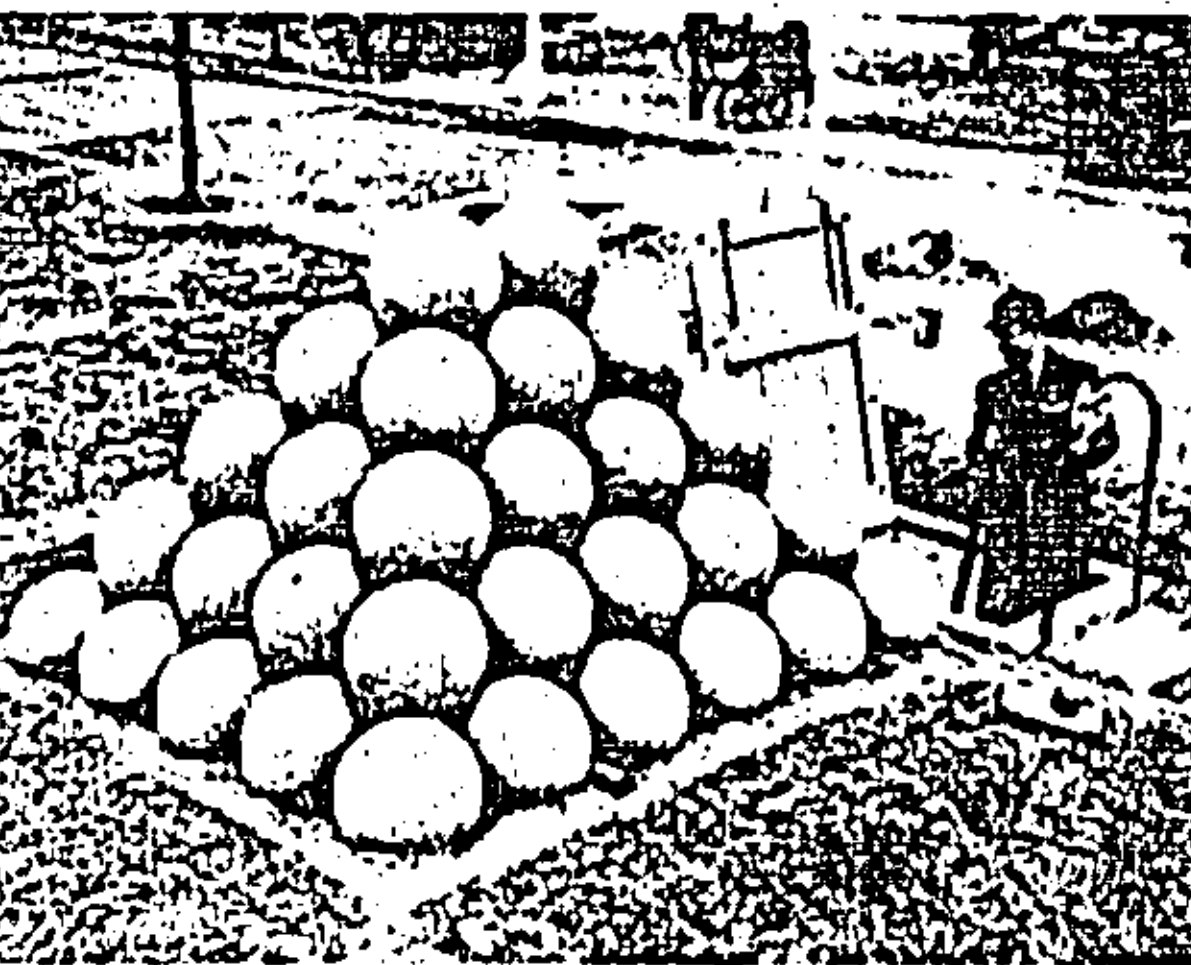
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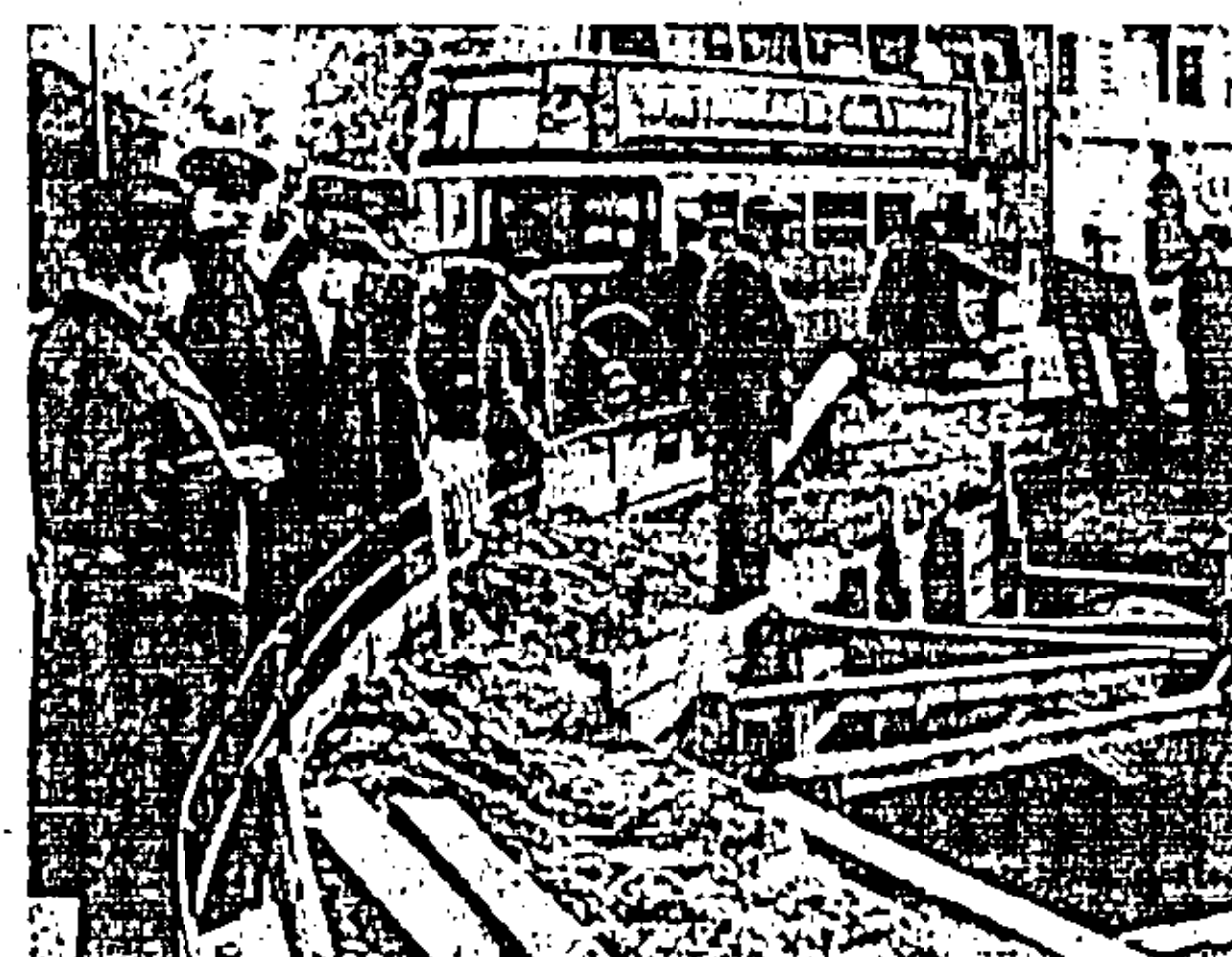
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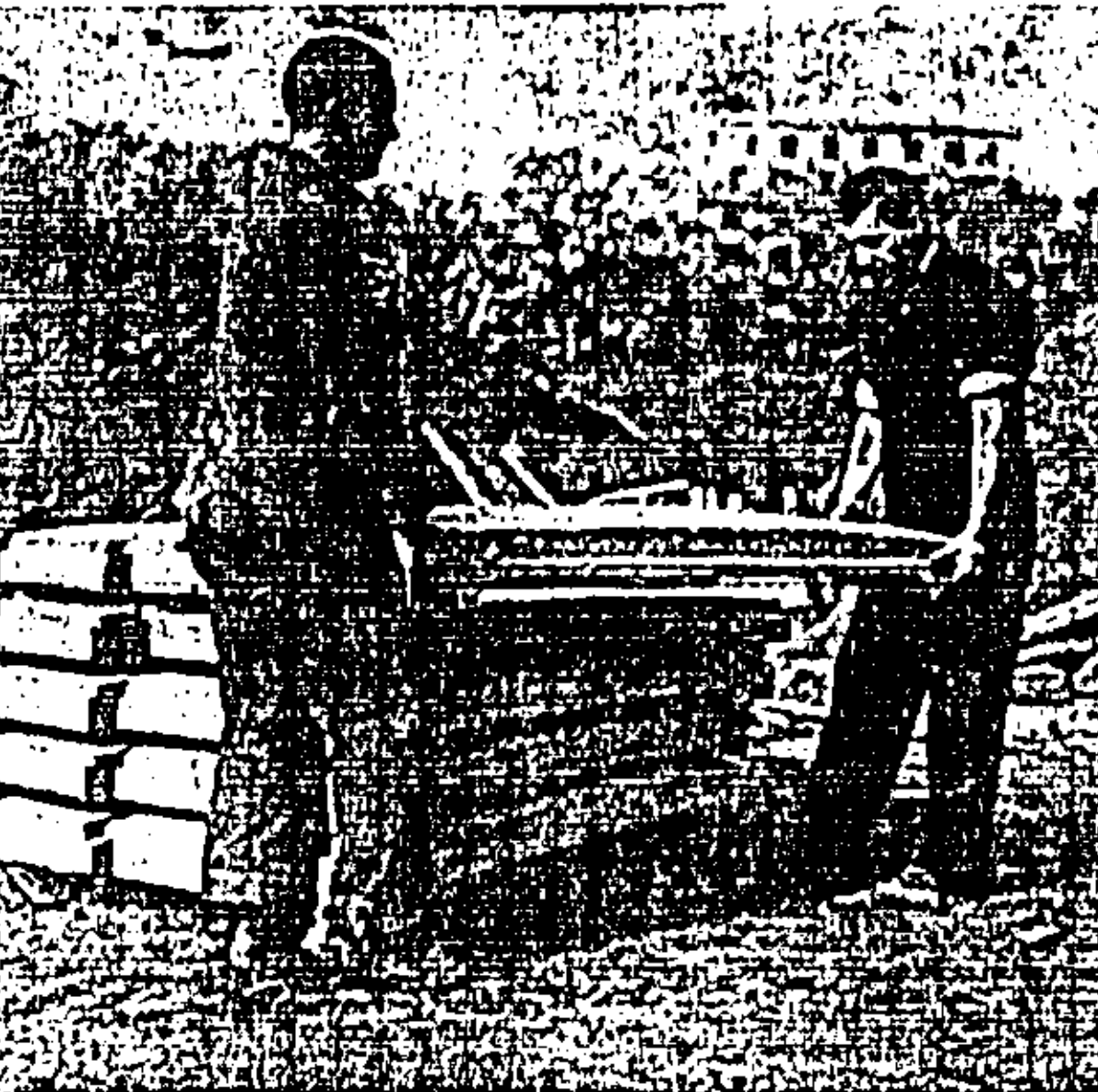
One of many A.R.P. devices exhibited in the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair. A shelter tank beneath the ground and covered with sand-bags.



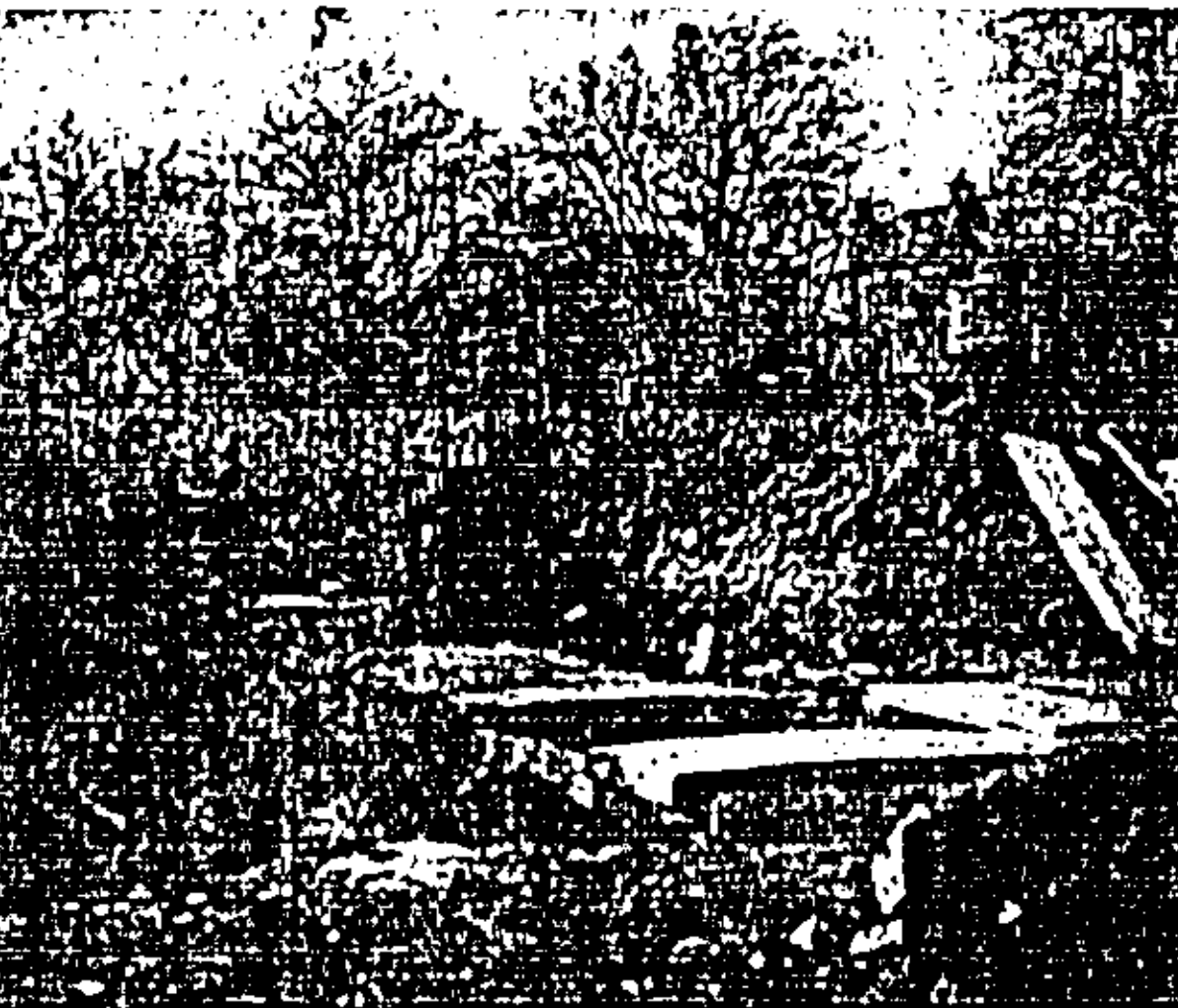
A particularly ingenious A.R.P. idea which attracted much attention at the British Industries Fair: A shelter protected by a mound of concrete balls designed to deflect a direct hit.



Began in the "Munich" days these air-raid precaution trenches in the square outside South Kensington Underground station are now being completed. The original hastily-installed timberwork has been taken out, being replaced with steel arches of approved design. When the work is finished the shelters will be well hidden and it is probable that a small garden will appear above them.



Some of the 2-cwt. concrete slabs which are being used to cover the trenches in Green Park. A.R.P. is at long last beginning to make real strides throughout Britain: the movement will probably end by out-stripping all other countries, which have hitherto concentrated on elaborate gas-maskery and black-outs.



These A.R.P. trenches in Green Park are being covered with massive slabs of concrete, each weighing about 2 cwt.—a method that has up to now not been widely employed. All over London trenches begun at the time of the Munich crisis have been completed.



This is South American-born, Evelyn Ankers, a charming English girl, who has been chosen to play the lead in the first picture to be produced in the Argentine's first film studio. When this picture was taken Miss Ankers was adopting one of those boat, deck poses, so much beloved by press photographers, on board the Almanzora as it was about to leave Southampton for Buenos Aires.

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WANTED: A HUNDRED THOUSAND MOTHERS

(Continued from Page 6.)

The benefit of our legislators certain factors and a good many of the kind of bitter paradoxes which Voltaire, and even Gilbert, might have enjoyed.

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This is a dreadful thought. The poor don't fear poverty; but the rich do—and it's the middle classes that offend by not contributing their just share of babies.

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R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1939.

LEAVING FOR HOME

Mr. A. D. Fraser, of The Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of H.K. Ltd., who is Head Foreman of Engineers at the dockyard, proceeds home by the Canton after a period of 20 years' service at Quarry Bay. The good wishes of his wide circle of friends go with him in his new sphere of activity in the Homeland.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

DOWN

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Permit

2—Violin

3—Income profound

4—Kindness of disposition

5—Puffs against

6—Put one effect

7—Samurai

8—African (edney of London (abbr.))

9—Deck

10—Tiger (laurel)

11—Japanese admiral

12—One hundred centimeters

13—On no account

14—Shade of piece of r.

15—Large birds

16—Droop

17—Omit

18—Part of hand

19—Point water

20—Are situated

21—Letters of alphabet

22—Admirable rule

23—And so forth

24—Water state (abbr.)

25—Water container

26—Exclamation

27—Title of college students

28—French article

29—Providence

30—One who traps

31—More care

32—Build form of water

33—Overstated shell

34—1001

35—Wren (abbr.)

36—11—Wren (abbr.)

37—Accomplish

38—Pleasant rest

39—Medical men

40—Grinding laugh

41—Medieval protective dishes

42—Furniture distillate

43—revenue

44—Pierced three

45—Porrid

46—Writers

47—Uses faster

48—One of the other

49—One of the other

50—Male initiate

51—Having maiden name

52—Short poem

53—Young dog

54—Depart

55—Company (abbr.)

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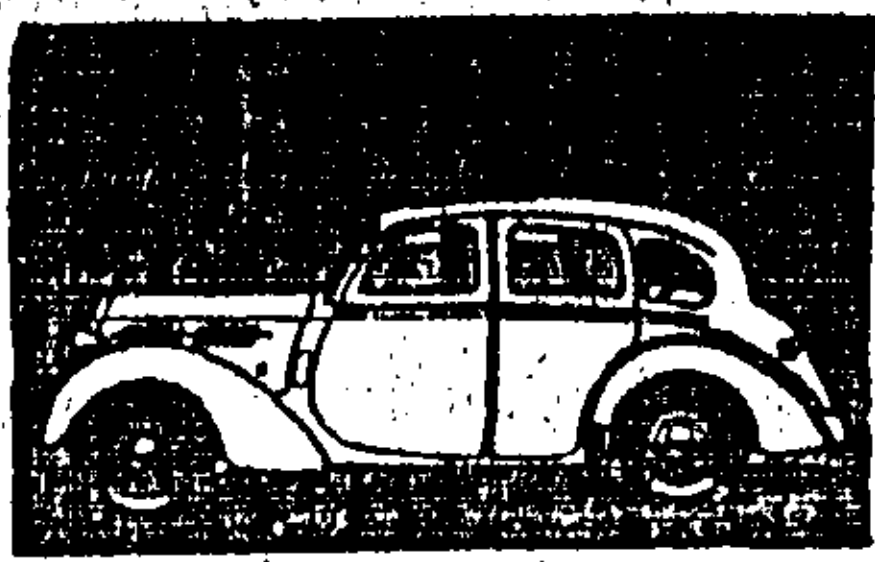
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MUSSOLINI TALKS OF DANGER SPOT TO EUROPE'S PEACE

ROME, Mar. 30.

ITALY DOES NOT intend to remain a prisoner in the Mediterranean
was Signor Mussolini's only comment on international affairs when speaking to-day at Cosenza Calabria.

LONDON, Mar. 30.
RELIABLE SOURCES
here state that the British Government has received reports of new German troop movements in the vicinity of the Polish frontier.

It is not certain whether these reports were discussed at today's Cabinet meeting. However, the Polish Minister visited the British Foreign Office this afternoon.

It is understood that the announcement regarding the increase in British army strength is coincident with new proposals to Poland for military co-operation against German aggression.

To-day's Cabinet meeting was an emergency session to consider the situation. Poland's Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, is due on an official visit to London on Monday next, and it is believed that he will discuss a firm military understanding with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

Diplomatic circles here interpret the increased military strength as an admonition to Germany and an implication of assistance to Poland.—United Press.

Italian Mobilisation

ROME, Mar. 30.

Italy has called a quarter of a million of reservists to the colours.

Tension Won't Ease

Washington, Mar. 30.
It is understood that diplomatic and other information reaching the Government suggests that the tension in Europe is likely to be maintained in the near future.

The totalitarian States are credited with the intention of forcing upon the democracies "another Munich". The Government therefore hopes to help to secure "peace without surrender" by a decisive relaxation of the Neutrality Act next week.—Reuter.

Demonstrations

Berlin, Mar. 30.

Further anti-German demonstrations are reported from Poland. The German News Agency states that anti-German riots in Upper Silesia have increased in number lately.

It is alleged that Poles marched into a restaurant and molested Germans, knocking one down with chairs, who despite threats, continued to speak in German.—Reuter.

Labour Calls For

Guarantees

London, Mar. 30.

A declaration issued by the Federation of International Labour calls upon the governments of Britain, France, Russia and Poland immediately to enter mutual guarantees for full and unqualified support in the event of further aggressions by Italy and Germany.—Reuter.

Exaggerated.

Berlin, Mar. 30.

Rumours of German demands and ultimatums to Poland are certainly exaggerated. "Reuter" learns from well-informed sources.

That certain suggestions or approaches have been made to Poland are not officially denied, but all talk of Warsaw being asked to subscribe to the anti-Comintern pact appears to be premature.

Even the question of a motor road through the Corridor is not being pressed by Germany; it is stated. It is understood that Colonel Beck is not expected to leave his train en route to London.—Reuter.

CHIEF OF STAFF

IN FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 30.

Viscount Gort, the British Chief of Staff, was shown over the stronger sections of the Maginot Line and the interior of the fortifications of Metz this morning.

Viscount Gort closely inspected the ventilation system and the measures

Answered By Two Voices

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.

THE GOVERNMENTS of the "Axis" Powers cannot fail to note that two replies have been made instead of one to Signor Mussolini's speech, says the New York "Times".

M. Daladier broadcast a message but was scheduled to deliver, but another voice spoke unexpectedly across the English Channel.

"There can be no doubt that Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the strength of the territorial army is to be doubled was timed to warn Italy against any resort to force in an attempt to achieve still undefined purposes in the Mediterranean area."—Reuter Special.

BRITISH AID FOR POLAND

Assurances
Said Given

LONDON, MAR. 31.
IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY LEARNED THAT BRITAIN, THROUGH THE BRITISH LEGATION IN WARSAW, HAS PRESENTED POLAND WITH A PROPOSAL FOR A UNILATERAL GUARANTEE OF POLAND'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

The Polish Foreign Minister will arrive in London on Monday, reportedly to steadfastly insist that any agreements must be backed by a military pact.

Meanwhile it has been authoritatively stated that Germany has made proposals regarding Danzig, although the Foreign Office here has denied such reports.—United Press.

Cabinet To Confirm Guarantee

LONDON, Mar. 31.

The British Cabinet will meet early this morning to approve the final form of statement which the Prime Minister is expected to make when the House of Commons meets at 11 a.m.

Several of the morning papers state that Britain and France are guaranteeing to assist Poland if attacked.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Prime Minister will issue an unequivocal warning to Germany that Britain will oppose by every means in its power, any further act of aggression.—Reuter.

King Holds Council

LONDON, Mar. 30.

This morning the King held a council at Buckingham Palace, and (Continued on Page 4.)

Jewish Fears

Berlin, Mar. 30.

The Jews are doing their utmost to leave Danzig, fearful of Germany's plans to occupy the Free State. Britain's decision to double the territorial army is being branded as an anti-German measure, with the "Boersen Zeitung" stressing that it will not affect the solidity of the Rome-Berlin axis.

The French Premier's Wednesday speech has been ignored.—United Press.

He said that Italians at present were more perturbed by the relations between Germany and Poland than by M. Daladier's speech.

Those Italians who were not wholly Fascists, and not wholly in favour of the Rome-Berlin axis, think the danger point for Europe is Poland.

"If Germany shows resentment at Warsaw's refusal of its suggestions and her troops march, then many Italians declare that the axis might not bear the strain."—Reuter.

Mussolini's Admiration

Cosenza, Mar. 30.

Signor Mussolini, accompanied by his secretary, Signor Achille Starace, arrived here at dawn today.

Signor Mussolini is staying at the Calabro Hotel.

A crowd of 15,000 greeted his train at Paola station with shouts of "Long Live National Spain! Il Duce, founder of the Empire!"

Mussolini and his party halted for only a few minutes at Paola station to enable the local authorities to pay their respects, after which they continued to the town of Belmonte, where Il Duce alighted.

Later a cheering crowd in Victor Square heard what is regarded as a reference to France's attitude. They heard Mussolini, with pointed fingers, "we will never resign ourselves to remaining prisoners in the Mediterranean."

He said the claim for special concessions regarding the Suez Canal must be satisfied, the "defeat of Bolshevism in Spain" and praising Italian collaboration therein. Mussolini said Italy is ready to stand for her claims.

"Speeches are only words if they are not accompanied by facts," he declared. He said his departure from Rome last night, 250,000 men of classes numbers 18 and 19 were reporting for duty.

"We Can Wait"

Commenting on M. Daladier's speech, Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" says: "The French have definitely shown they want to slam the door we left open, but Italy is not impatient, and she can wait."—United Press.

German Barter With China

\$10,000,000 Pact
Reported Signed

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30.

Informed circles stated that Sino-German relations turned favourable in recent weeks on conclusion of a barter agreement whereby China and Germany are exchanging goods valued at 10 million yuan for special materials and manufactured products.

These circles said that Herr Von Lothow, a German serving as adviser to the Ministry of Communications, played an active role in improving Sino-German relations, particularly economic. They said Von Lothow made a brief trip to Berlin from Chungking by air and returned early in March in connection with the barter deal.—United Press.

MEMEL COUP

RATIFIED

Kaunas, Mar. 30.—After M. Juozas Urbas, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister had made a short statement to the press, he today ratified the Lithuanian-German treaty regarding the cessation of Memel.—Reuter.

CHIANG READY FOR DRIVE

Japanese Fear
New Offensive

TOKYO, Mar. 30.

AN IMPENDING large-scale Chinese offensive planned by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on the North China front is reported by the entire Japanese press this evening on the basis of information said to be emanating from a reliable Peiping source.

Chinese troop movements indicate that Chinese counter-attacks will take place from a southerly direction on the various sectors of the Lunghai front, while another counter-push would be directed from Sianfu in south Shansi.

A further attack would be launched from Suiyuan in the Chahar province.

Gain New Resources

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, according to the papers, has at the same time increased guerrilla activity on all fronts. The Marshal intends to revive the fighting spirit of his troops and to strengthen the confidence of third nations in the fighting power of the Chinese army, hoping thereby for new resources from England, France and Soviet-Russia.—Trans-Ocean.

Attack In April

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is planning a general counter-offensive along all China fronts in April, according to information received in well-informed quarters here.

Under the plan reportedly under contemplation by the Chinese military command, the Chinese guerrilla fronts will undergo general reorganization.

Counter-attacks will be launched in the areas of Nanking and Hangchow south of the Yangtze, while guerrilla forces will be transferred from the south Yangtze front to the north concurrently with the eastward advance of the Chinese forces along the Northwestern front through Shensi and Kansu.

New Military Corps

Actions under the latest strategy, according to the information, were started about the middle of March. Chinese forces participating in the reported fresh counter-attacks were understood to belong to newly-organized military corps.

Great significance is attached to the reported Chinese strategy on which the Kuomintang Government is allegedly staking the fate of its military operations.

Three Fronts

According to the newest Chinese strategy, the whole war zone will be divided into three fronts, the Southern, Western and Northern.

Along the southern front, General Yu Hsueh-chung's Army concentrated near Shanghai in south-eastern Honan will be moved north-eastward to engage the Japanese forces in the area northeast of Haichow.

General Sun Lien-chang's Army in southern Honan will be transferred northward and reinforced by General Sun Tung-suan's Army near Chengchow will advance north-eastward.

(Continued on Page 4.)



THE MOTORSHIP TULAGI taking to the water yesterday at the Hong Kong & Whampoa Docks. The ship was built for Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. for their South Sea Island trade. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. A. Corbitt, wife of Messrs. Burns Philp's superintendent in Hongkong.—Staff Photographer.

SIAM JOINS ANTI-JAPAN BLOC, REPORT

TOKYO, Mar. 31.

THE BANGKOK correspondent of the "Asahi Shimbun" reports that a "secret understanding" has been reached between Siam and Great Britain for organising "a joint front against Japan."

Describing the international situation facing Siam as "delicate," the correspondent alleges that Britain has been endeavouring to establish "an anti-Japanese axis" connecting Malaya, Burma, French Indo-China, Netherlands East Indies and Siam.

The correspondent says that the British authorities will extend their understanding with Siam to French Indo-China, where negotiations, according to the report, are going on between the French authorities and a Siam military mission.

Conclusion of the secret understanding between Britain and Siam was preceded by a British offer of a sterling loan amounting to £2,000,000 to £4,000,000, the correspondent further claims.

The British offer, the correspondent understands, has been declined by Siam, who instead has decided to issue a domestic loan amounting to 65,000,000 bahts.

Although the projected domestic loan is now subject to approval by the People's Assembly, the correspondent alleges that it will eventually be converted into a foreign loan with the understanding of Great Britain.

Well-informed quarters in Tokyo are sceptical about the "Asahi" report, which cannot be confirmed.—Domei.

PHIEW! IT'S STICKY!

Humidity Won't
Climb Down

WHAT HAPPENS when humidity reaches 100 per cent.—saturation point? You should know, for on three days during the past week it has climbed to that figure.

To-day is one of them. For the past week, in fact, humidity has maintained an uncomfortable and persistent level that has never been below ten per cent. off saturation point.

The maximum for the past seven days has averaged 99 per cent, the lowest maximum being 98 per cent. last Friday and Saturday. On Monday and Wednesday it was 99 per cent, and on Tuesday, yesterday and to-day one hundred per cent.

This is how humidity and temperature have varied since last night.

Temperature Humidity

8 p.m. 69.5 97
9 a.m. 71.0 95
10 p.m. 70.7 97
Midnight 70.0 100
2 a.m. 69.5 99
4 a.m. 69.5 99
6 a.m. 69.0 100
8 a.m. 69.5 99
9 a.m. 70.4 97
10 a.m. 71.5 94

Hongkong need expect no relief yet. The official forecast at ten o'clock this morning predicted a continuance of present conditions. Local fog or mist will also persist.

Liners Fogbound Off H.K.

DAMAGED SHIPS
CANNOT ENTER
HARBOUR

A BIG question mark must be placed besides the movements of all ships in Hongkong waters this morning.

Fog—the biggest since last summer—has cast a pall over the entire coast and at Lyemooon Pass visibility has been reduced to a few feet.

Both the P. & O. liner Canton and the M.M. liner Marechal Joffre have arrived at Waglan, a few miles from the entrance to Hongkong harbour, and are anchored there, awaiting an opportunity to enter Lyemooon.

By nine o'clock this morning large ocean-going liners were beginning to line up at Waglan. The gathering there included the Lloyd Triestino liner Conte Verde, which should have berthed at midnight, the N.D.L. liner Potsdam, which was due from Shanghai at 9 a.m. and the troopship Etchick, which should have arrived from England yesterday afternoon.

As this edition was going to Press there was no indication of the fog lifting and it is highly improbable that any vessel will be able to enter the harbour before this afternoon.

Making Water

The Canton is still making water from the holes-in-har side, resulting from yesterday's collision, but her (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Terrorism In Palestine Village Sheikh Killed

JERUSALEM, Mar. 30.
TERRORISM in Palestine is continuing with undiminished violence.

"A Jewish constable was shot and seriously wounded by Arabs in Haifa to-day.

The village sheikh at Burqa and another Arab inhabitant were killed while a wounded Arab was found near Jaffa.

British military authorities have increased their precautions, and have arrested 41 Arabs in Jerusalem, Haifa and in Samaria and the Galilee districts. Twenty have been arrested for violating the curfew regulations.—Trans-Ocean.

AIR MAIL DELAYED

The week-end air mail has been delayed a day, and is not expected at Kai Tak until 5 p.m. on Sunday. The following passengers left by Imperial Airways plane to-day: Mr. Mathias for Calcutta and Mrs. Chiu for Harbin.

HE MADE MILLIONS—BY ACCIDENT

Bought Dog-track When 1d.-a-Pint on Beer Forced Sale

AS the greyhounds flashed round the track at Wandsworth Stadium recently Mr. Sidney E. Parkes smiled to himself and thought: "If they hadn't put a penny on the pint of beer I might never have gone to the dogs."

The "dogs" have been profitable for this tall, broad-shouldered, 50-year-old mystery millionaire and greyhound "king."

Few people have ever heard of Mr. Parkes. Although a director of many companies he is not included in the "Directory of Directors."

Yet he is one of Britain's wealthiest men, living quietly at Kingston Hill, Surrey, with his wife and five children.

To-day he is the owner of four leading London stadiums and training establishments worth £1,000,000. No one has such a large holding in the greyhound business, which he entered "by accident" in 1923.

A BIG FUTURE

"It happened like this," Mr. Parkes said. "In my capacity as a contractor, builder, and estate dealer, I was given a contract for the erection of Wandsworth Stadium."

"When the buildings were completed, the promoters, who were associated with some brewery interests, found that a penny extra tax had been put on the pint of beer."

"I was given the opportunity of taking over the stadium myself, and I said: 'Why not?'"

"So, indirectly, that penny on beer introduced me to the dogs."

"Wandsworth did so well that I extended my interest."

"There's a big future in greyhounds. Public interest still grows and it is likely that I shall launch out with more developments."

15,000,000 DEAL

But greyhounds are not Mr. Parkes' only interest.

As an estate dealer he has bought and sold land worth £5,000,000.

Created a new South London suburb, Molesey Park.

Promoted more sports grounds than any other man in the country.

Mr. Parkes was humorously reticent about his rise to millionaire status.

"All I will say is that my career has been full of thrills," he said. "I started in a modest way, and progressed by getting my teeth into a job."

"But please don't say I have succeeded by rising early in the morning. There's nothing I dislike more."

EMPIRE NEWS

PLEA TO INDUSTRY IN NEW ZEALAND

Auckland. The Government has asked industries to absorb 8,000 men now engaged on public works for six weeks. The object clearly is to lighten the burden of the Employment Fund before the social security scheme comes into operation on March 31.

The proposal is criticised by representatives of industry, who state that they are unable to create new markets for their goods overnight.

The Government is recruiting artisans for its housing scheme in England, Canada, and Australia, advancing fares when necessary.

SOUTH AFRICA

DEFENCE POLICY CRITICISED

Cape Town. Criticism of the Government's defence policy came from the Ministerial benches in the Assembly recently when Mr. Du Toit, United party member for Cape Flats, said the defence of South Africa was far too vital a matter for a gamble. They could not act on the assumption of the Ministry that war would affect South Africa only six months after the outbreak.

Mr. Pirow, Minister of Defence, had said last session that for the first time of defence a minimum of 67,000 active Citizen Force men were required. Yet the report of the Department of Defence showed that only 13,000 men were now available.

JAMAICA

COUNCIL OF 10 FOR TRADE UNION

Kingston. Mr. Bustamante, the labour leader, finding it impossible to manage the Jamaica trade union alone, has appointed a council of 10, including himself, to be officers of the union.

Among those appointed is Mr. Manley, a well-known local barrister and a former Rhodes Scholar.

The Governor, Sir Arthur Richards, demobilised the local forces recently following the calling off of the dock strike.



DIVERGENT OPINIONS have been forthcoming with regard to the proposed memorial of his late Majesty King George V, a representation of which is shown in this composite picture on the selected site behind the Abbey. Both the "fretful Gothic" of the narrow screen and the crushing weight of the robes worn by the Royal figure, to be carried out in unweathering marble, have called up so much criticism that Lord Macmillan, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, has suggested that the matter be referred back for consideration.

EARNED 45s. WEEK LEFT £2,600

A SOUTHERN RAILWAY platelayer who, it is stated, had never earned more than 45s. a week has left £2,393 of his £2,600 estate to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he died after a road accident.

It was while he was in hospital that the platelayer, 65-year-old Mr. John Thomas, of Higham, near Rochester, made his will, leaving £50 to each of three relatives, £50 to Mrs. Lydia Wells, at whose house he had lodged for 17 years, and the residue of his estate to the hospital.

BACHELOR

All his working life Mr. Thomas, who was a bachelor, had worked on the railway.

He was a non-smoker and took very little alcohol. His hobby was gardening, and he paid special attention to the cultivation of the flower garden near the signal box at Higham railway station.

Once he told a colleague that National Savings Certificates were the

best investment for a working man. It is believed that most of his money was accumulated in that way.

Flowers Are Canned

MELBOURNE, Australia.

Australian botanists say it with flowers—and how. Dr. J. S. Turner, professor of botany at the University of Melbourne, has perfected a system for canning flowers with which swains can express their tenderest sentiments.

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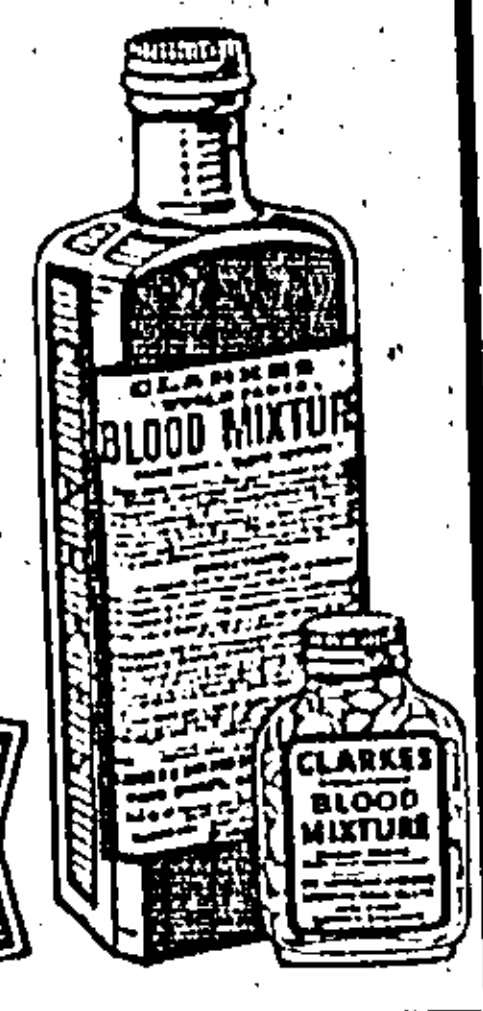
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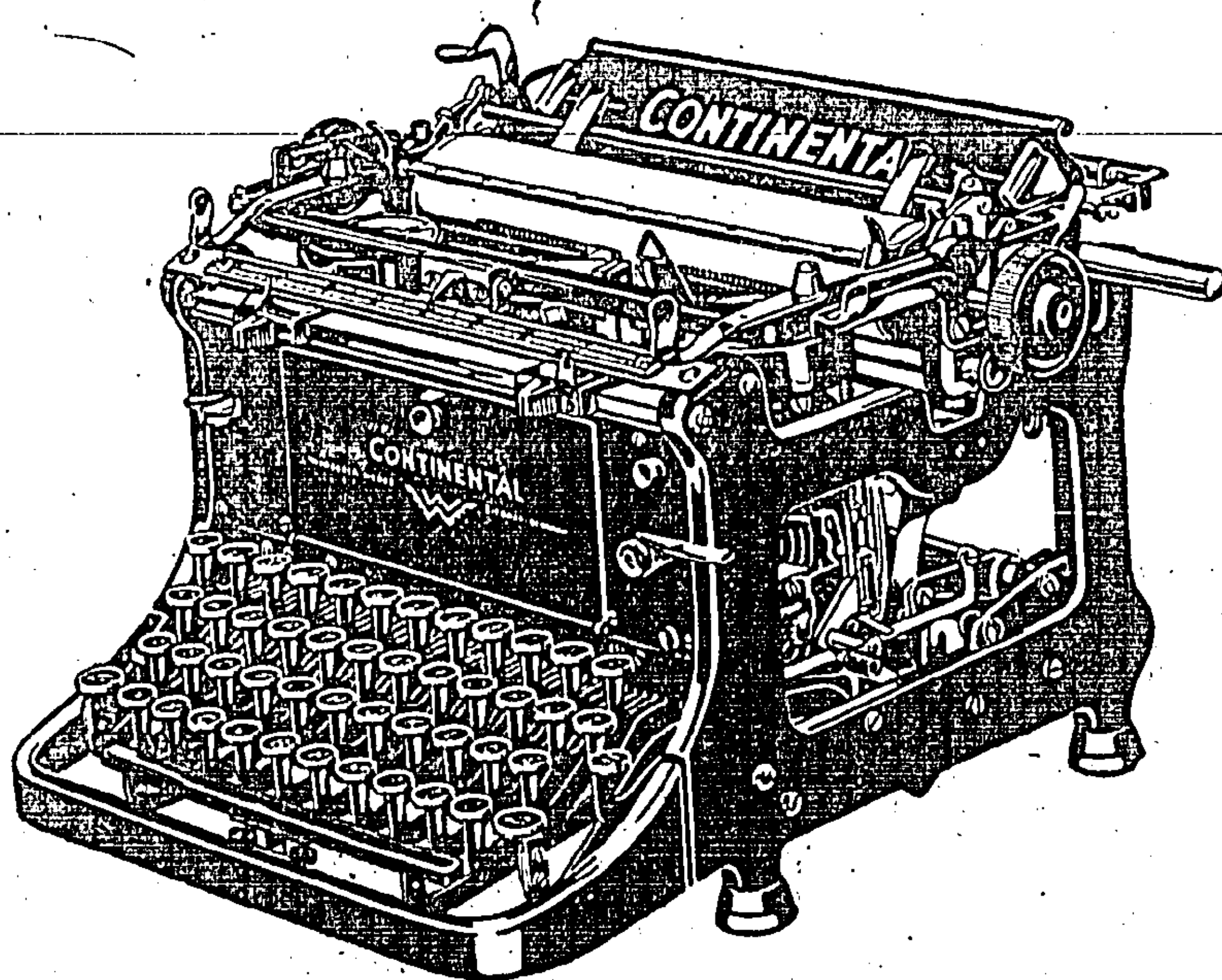
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"The 'seven' is dead, long live the 'eight,'" cried excited motor traders when they were shown for the first time a new Austin car at the works of the company in Birmingham recently.

An event of international importance is the replacement of the Austin "Seven," first and most famous of the "baby" cars, by an entirely new "eight."

Overshadowing the much-boasted "German People's car," the new Austin was wheeled into the German Motor Show in Berlin recently.

This new Austin, the best-looking small car yet seen, is to be sold at a competitive price. For two-door four seater saloon is £128, and there are open tourer and four-door saloon models.

The new car has a four-cylinder side-valve engine rated at 7.00 h.p., annual tax £6. The chassis is of a new type with orthodox springing, a four-speed gear-box with synchromesh on second, third and top, Girling brakes and an all-steel body.

Frontal appearance is new and distinctive, the radiator mascot serving the unusual purpose of forming the single bonnet catch. The steering wheel is spring-spoked. The rear opening luggage compartment is really roomy.

The car holds the road and steers as well as any small car ever driven and comfort, even for back-seat passengers, is excellent. Even the lights are better than average. Maximum speed is 60 m.p.h. with really good top-gear pulling on hills. When cruising at 40 m.p.h., close on 50 miles to the gallon of petrol has been obtained. The brakes are marvellous.

Non-Stop Operation On Baby

Special apparatus fitted to a cot in the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond-street, W.C., is performing a continuous operation on a three-week-old baby.

All the time, while the baby is sleeping, or being fed, an injection is being made in a leg vein.

The child, a girl, weighed only three pounds at birth and measured only 12 inches long.

Doctors say it is a wonder that she is still alive. This is her daily treatment:—

6 a.m.—Fed with half-strength human milk.

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Advance guard of General Franco's Spanish Insurgent troops photographed when they reached the French border at Le Perthus, on their victorious march through Catalonia, after conquering Barcelona. Here they raise their arms in the Nationalist salute.

"NO BAN ON THE LOWER CLASSES"

But—Well, What Would
High Society Say?

YOUTHS of about nineteen who hope one day to be British ambassadors in foreign capitals are now sending in their names to a board of selection, which will meet at the Civil Service Commission's offices in Burlington-gardens, W., on the first Tuesday in May.

Judging from previous years, about fifty names will be received. Almost without exception they will be the names of public schoolboys who have gone on to Oxford or Cambridge.

No council schoolboys, no matter how brilliant, need apply.

It is true that council schoolboys are beating the old school tie in the examinations for nearly every other branch of the Civil Service, but they are not allowed even to reach the examination room where the ambassadors-to-be are going to sit.

The board of selection stops them. No one in Whitehall has ever quite stated it in black and white, but the examination results going back scores of years prove that the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service are still the exclusive preserve of the sons of the upper classes. Records available for the past nine years show that not a single council schoolboy had a place among the successful candidates, although fifty-three vacancies were filled.

MYSTERY BODY

Here is the procedure which safeguards the rigidity of the Foreign Office caste system:—

Unlike every other branch of the Civil Service where candidates must first pass a competitive examination and then appear before a selection board, candidates for the Foreign Office must satisfy the selection board before they may sit for the examination.

The board of selection is a mysterious body. It consists of about six members. One or two may be Civil Service Commissioners. The rest are "high officials" in the Foreign Office.

All are bent on making certain that the breeding of Britain's diplomats shall follow the hallowed traditions and not be changed by the introduction of less expensive, less educated pedigrees.

The questions they ask candidates are never revealed.

All that an official of the Civil Service Commission would say to the Sunday Express was, "The board has to discover whether the candidate is of the right personality and upbringing. They may possibly ask what his father does and what games the boy plays."

WASTE OF TIME

"It must be remembered that a diplomat has to mix on equal terms with the highest society. It would be a waste of time for a candidate to be allowed to prepare himself for the written examination if he were obviously of an unsuitable type."

"There is no ban on the lower classes. Rather I would suggest that the reason why public schoolboys at Oxford and Cambridge are most successful is that these schools and universities specialise in preparing for the Diplomatic Service examinations."

Last year seven candidates passed into the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service. Their schools were Wellington, Stowe, Charterhouse, Eton, Winchester, Rugby and Kilmarnock Academy.

Yet in the Home Civil Service Administrative Class examination, a Barry County schoolboy then at Cambridge received top marks. No public schoolboy was in the first three.

In the Indian Civil Service test a Nottingham high school boy, then at Cambridge, was top; a Southend-on-Sea high school boy was second.

In the Consular Service examination—no consul can normally rise to an ambassadorship—another secondary school scholar beat scores of public schoolboys.

That was last year. In 1937 Rugby, Harrow, Eton and Winchester, with the help of two other big

S.O.S. for Lifeboat

Rossare, Co. Wexford.

Two airmen, Lt. Higgins and Lt. Quinlan, had narrow escapes when an Irish Air Force seaplane in which they were flying from Southampton to Baldonnel aerodrome, Dublin, came down in the sea near here recently.

Two planes were flying in formation, and when off Carnesore Point one of them developed engine trouble.

There was a strong south-east wind and a rough sea, but Lt. Higgins brought the craft safely down.

The other machine circled around, but the sea was too rough for her to attempt rescue. She sent out a wireless S.O.S. for assistance and flew on.

Coast watchers telephoned Rossare Harbour, and the Rossare lifeboat put out.

IDEALLY FITTED FOR POST In the meantime the plane was swept towards the shore at Baldonnel.

Crowds on the beach saw the plane turn broadside in the surf. Waves damaged its starboard wing.

The two officers donned lifebelts, got ready to jump, but succeeded in sending a line ashore with which men on the beach pulled the plane clear of the surf.

When the lifeboat reached the scene the officers sent a Morse message stating that they were out of danger.

They did all they could to safeguard the plane before abandoning it. Troops were summoned from Baldonnel to dismantle it.

public schools, again took all the Foreign Office vacancies.

MONEY RULE

In 1936 it was once more Winchester, Eton, Rugby and company.

Yet in that year boys of working and middle-class parents swept the board in the examination for the administrative class. Forty appointments were made.

Only one went to a public school boy. For the first time on record Eton, Harrow, Rugby and Winchester all failed to win a single place. Charterhouse was alone represented.

Only one important concession to democracy has been made by the Foreign Office this century.

In 1914 the rule requiring every member of the Diplomatic Service to guarantee a private income of £400 a year was abolished.

Another change is interesting—Eton is falling behind as the foremost nursery for diplomats. Of the eighteen ambassadors serving two years ago, thirteen were Old Etonians. But in recent years Rugby, Winchester and Charterhouse have become well represented in diplomacy.

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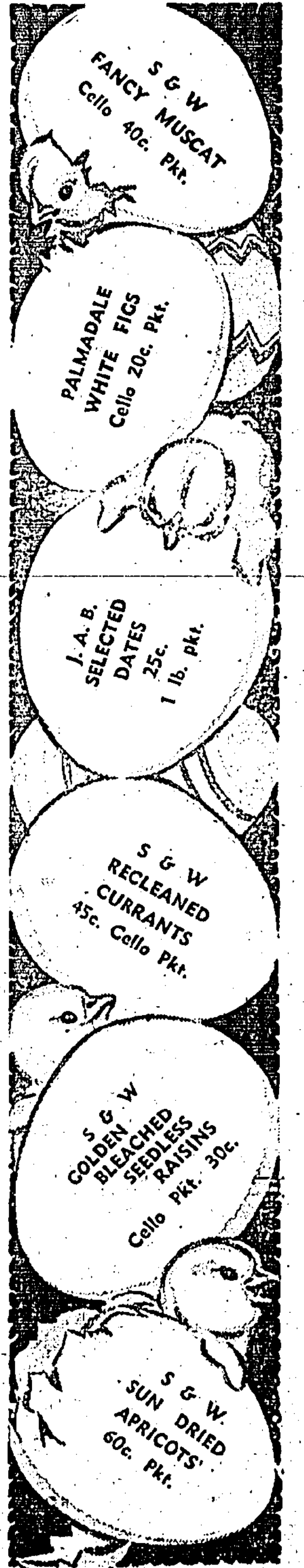
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Franco-Rumanian Trade Pact

Paris, Mar. 30. A new commercial agreement between France and Rumania is being signed this evening. Under this, France doubles her purchases of Rumanian petrol and reduces customs duties on Rumanian agricultural products.—*Reuter*.

British Trade

Helsinki, Mar. 30. The advantage of small nations trading with Britain was emphasised by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, when he addressed the Finnish Chamber of Commerce to-day. Mr. Hudson is now having conversations here following visits to Warsaw and Moscow. Despite the year's unemployment, Britain's present industrial output was greater than in the boom year of 1929. Mr. Hudson declared.—*Reuter Special*.

Queen Mary Better

LONDON, Mar. 30.—It was stated at Marlborough House to-day that Queen Mary, who has been suffering from a cold, is better.—*British Wireless*.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR FOR CHUNGKING

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31.—Chinese reports from Chungking state that the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, is going to Chungking in mid-April.—*United Press*.

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NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—President Roosevelt has nominated ex-Senator F. H. Brown to the position of Comptroller-General, which has been vacant since 1936.—*Reuter*.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shui-poi, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks Ltd.	1370 sa.
Chartered Bank	82 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	27 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	13 n.
East Asia	80 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	220 n.
Union	460 b and sa.
China Underwriter	1 1/4 n.
H.K. Fire	103 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	70 b.
Steamboats	13 n.
Indo-China, P.	60 n.
Indo-China, D.S.	24 n.
Shell Bearers	81 1/2 n.
Waterboats	9 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	111 1/2 s.
Docks	16 1/2 s.
Providents	4.90 sa.
New Eng. Sh.	0.70 n.
Shia. Docks	101 1/2 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	17/8 n.
Raub's	8 b.
Venz: Goldfield	3 n.
Hongkong Mines	4 n.
Atoka P.s. (x.d.)	34 1/2 sa.
Dagulo Gold P.s.	12.40 sa.
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LANDS	
Hotels	5 1/2 b.
Lands	34 sa.
Lands 4 1/2 b.	104 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	8.90 n.
Humphreys	8.65 n.
H.K. Realties	4.40 n.
Chinese Estates	.07 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	16.20 b.
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 sa.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	0.7 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old)	24 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (new)	24 n.
China Lights (old)	8.20 b.
China Lights (new)	5 1/2 sa.
H.K. Electric	6.9 1/2 sa.
Macro Electric	18 1/2 n.
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Cald: Macg. (Pre.)	Sh. 13 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
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H.K. Ropes (ex. d.)	3.60 b.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (ex. rts)	22 n.
Watsons	15 1/2 sa.
Lane Crawford	8 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	42 b.
Powell, Ltd. etc.	80 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	19.80 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	1.05 n.
Zoong Sings	30 n.
Wing On Textiles	40 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment	6 1/2 b.
Constructions	1 1/4 n.
Vibro Piling	6.30 n.
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HONOLULU, Mar. 30.	
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STOCKS: February farm equipment exports were 41 per cent. under those for the corresponding month of last year.

An agreement between France and Rumania for doubling oil imports and reducing French agricultural tariffs has been initiated.

Swiss francs declined on nervousness, resulting in the removal of gold from the areas near the German border.

Herr Hitler has empowered the Minister of Economics to prohibit exports and imports of any type of goods. The President of the Reichsbank has urged the resumption of German, British and French trade talks.

Barron's index has advanced slightly. Sears, Roebuck's March sales touched a record high mark.

March building awards were 46 per cent. over the same month of last year.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938

Sperry Corporation	Yr. 31/12	\$2.46
American Rolling Mill	Yr. 31/12	\$1,300,000 LOSS

The United Fruit Corporation's first-quarter earnings are approximately the same as the corresponding quarter of 1938.

COTTON: The Senators from the cotton-growing States are ignoring President Roosevelt's request for export subsidy and favour the plan to subsidize the domestic market.

GRAINS: The wheat market was firm on war threat. South Africa expects a record corn crop.

LONDON AVERAGES:

	MARCH 29	MARCH 30
Industrial average	90.2	90.2
Rails average	54.0	55.2

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

Aryanisation In Germany

Berlin Jewish Firms Out Of Business

BERLIN, Mar. 30.

NO LESS than 565 formerly Jewish-owned enterprises have been aryanized in Berlin since May, 1938, police headquarters announced to-day.

This number includes 338 small firms (of a value up to 30,000 reichmarks) which were sold at a total price of 5,000,000 reichmarks, and middle-sized shops for 5,400,000 reichmarks, and 17 large enterprises, sold for more than 40,000,000 reichmarks.—*Trans-Ocean*.

BRITISH AID FOR POLAND

(Continued from Page 1.)

later gave audience to Lord Baldwin, who returned to London from the continent a week ago, and sails next week for Canada.

In the afternoon the King accompanied by the Queen, visited two big London County Council housing estates in Hackney.—*British Wireless*.

IMPORTANCE OF VISIT STRESSED

Warsaw, Mar. 30. Emphasis is placed by the whole of the press to-night on the importance of Colonel Beck's forthcoming visit to London.

Observers discount the rumour that he will stop in Berlin en route to London.

Such an action, it is suggested could only appear to be the result of German pressure to compromise the Government's liberty of action in foreign affairs.

Foreshadowing that the week, ending with Colonel Beck's return to London, will be "decisive" for Poland, an independent newspaper "Wieszczyk Warszawski" comments: "Poland's position in Europe is of the utmost importance at the moment, and the world is watching the new moves."

President Ignacy Moscicki had a three-hour conference with the principal Opposition leaders this evening. It is stated that they discussed internal politics.

Contributions to the internal defence loan, announced earlier in the week, now exceed £1,500,000.—*Reuter*.

CHIANG READY FOR DRIVE

(Continued from Page 1.)

while the Fourteenth Army near Yancheng on the Lunghai Railway and General Sun Tien-ying's Army will cross the Yellow River to establish junction with the Communist Eighteenth Army under General Chu Teh advancing from Luau in eastern Shensi.

Shansi Invasion

The Chinese forces massed in south-eastern Shensi and Tuffgkwan, including the armies under General Tao Chih-shan and General Li Wen, will also cross the Yellow River and invade the south-western parts of Shansi.

General Huang Liu's Army at Sina and General Pan Han-pao's Army to the east of Sina will also participate in the Shansi campaign.

The Eighth Group Army under General Sun Chuan-shan and the Sixth Group Army under General Yang Ai-yuan which penetrated into western Shansi have started eastward advancing, while General Hu Tsung-nan, Chairman of the Shensi Provincial Government left Sina and is at present staying in central Shensi to command the forces advancing eastward.—*Domei*.

The California Clipper is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on April 5 and will depart on the following day for San Francisco.

LINERS FOGBOUND OFF HONGKONG

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pumps are adequately coping with the situation.

Both the Canton and the Marechal Joffre will go into dock as soon as they enter the harbour.

Chitral Unloading

At 10 o'clock this morning the derricks of the P. & O. liner Chitral send away loose and cargo loaded in Europe and here began to pour out of the holds.

This does not mean that the decision to turn the Chitral about because of the Canton's trouble and send her back has been definitely made, but it indicates that the P. & O. is resigned to such action.

When, because of the fog, the damaged Canton could not enter port this morning the departure of the Chitral for Shanghai was further delayed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some of the passengers were advised not to count on her departure before 5 p.m.

The P. & O. has decided that one of its ships must leave on Sunday, probably at noon, for England.

The work of clearing the Chitral of her Shanghai cargo has been started so that half the work will be done if she should have to ship the Canton's Europe-bound cargo.

Passengers have not yet begun to pack, but they are aware that they may have to do so at any moment.

Anchored Off Waglan

The Canton and the Messageries Maritimes liner Marechal Joffre are both anchored off Waglan. They are two of a group of several ships which have been fog-bound there since early morning. The Conte Verde is among the number; otherwise some of the Chitral's passengers may have seized the opportunity of her scheduled departure for Shanghai to-day to transfer to her.

The Marechal Joffre is to go straight to Talkoo Dockyard. Before the Canton is taken to Kwloon Dockyard she may pull in alongside the Chitral to permit the quickest and most convenient possible transfer of passengers and cargo.

BROTHEL KEEPER Elderly Woman Fined For Offence

A fine of \$20 was imposed on a 60-year-old woman, Kwok Sam, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of keeping a brothel at No. 131 Queen's Road West, second floor.

Sub-Inspector R. McEwen said that he raided the floor on Wednesday evening, and found a defendant, who appeared to be ill and was lying on a bed. She admitted being the principal tenant. Two girls who were also on the floor admitted being prostitutes, and said they lived there. They told the Inspector that they paid no rent, but 50 per cent. of their profits were given to defendant, who also provided them with food.

Other parts of the floor were let to various people, most of whom were of the poorer class. These people paid various amounts in rent. A rent-collector produced the receipts for the premises, and these were seen to bear the name of a person called Kwok Sze-kwo. Asked who Kwok Sze-kwo was defendant said she was the previous tenant.

The defendant was found to have a previous conviction in August last year. During the hearing of the case, defendant continually moaned in the dock, and Sub-Inspector McEwen said he had no doubt the woman was very ill.

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March 31, 1939

Spain's Last Phase

THE LAST mighty act of the
Spanish drama is over.

The curtain falls on Republican
Spain. Almost without the fir-
ing of a shot Madrid, Valencia
and other great cities have been
occupied.

The last three months of war
have not disgraced the Re-
publicans. But it has convinced
them that their cause, however
bravely upheld, had no chance
against overwhelming material
odds.

To-day, General Franco is
Spain's master. He alone can
spare Spain further agony—the
agony of reprisals.

It is General Franco, too, who
can lay to rest the uneasiness
that is still felt in Europe
regarding his country. He
knows that one of the essential
preliminaries to confidence is to
send his foreign supporters out
of the country.

He "intimated to the British
Government that he will request
the withdrawal of all foreign
volunteers.... immediately after
the war has passed its decisive
phase."

He cannot but adjudge that to
have arrived now, or to be at
hand.

There is no reason for doubt-
ing that Italy, General Franco's
chief backer, will be unwilling
for her legions to return
home.

When Mr. Chamberlain was
in Rome, Signor Mussolini re-
newed his assurances that Italy
had "no territorial or political
aims," and desired "no pri-
vileged economic position" in
Spain.

The Italian auxiliaries can no
longer be maintained in war-torn
Spain on the plea that France is
helping the Republicans.

The whole world will feel
relief at the proclamation ending
the war that has lasted almost
a thousand days.

But it will feel far greater
relief when it knows that Italy's
troops have returned to their
own country, and Spain is again
her own master.

So long as the Italians now
remain there will be danger to
the peace of western Europe.

Neither Britain nor France
can allow them to remain.

**The Hand that Rocks
the Cradle Rules the
World
But what if the Cradle
is Empty?**

Britain's cradles have been getting
more and more empty for the past 60
years. And no one is able to give a satis-
factory explanation for this fact or devise
a practical solution.

YOUNG men and women, of course,
still look yearningly into each other's
eyes, hold hands, fall in love, get married—but
the cradle industry continues to sink deeper and
deeper into its slump.

Families of one or two children are the aver-
age, and the normal seven or eight of Victorian
days is looked upon as unusual.

Yet all the time the business of being a
mother is being made both safer and easier for
women, and a thousand times less painful than
a century ago, when the patriotic mammas of
Britain were automatically replacing the popula-
tion every year.

When I think of the beautiful and childless
young wife who told me the other day that "Hav-
ing a baby is such a bore!" I am apt to blame
her attitude.

But the real blame belongs to a mysterious
biological phenomenon which has swept across
Europe (carefully avoiding Russia) like a Pied
Piper with all the storks behind him—a pheno-
menon only partially connected with what is
euphemistically called Birth Control, but is more
accurately prevention.

Now Britain is going to add this problem to
all the other problems which it still has left
to solve.

THEY are faced with the fact that by
1976 the population of Great Britain
will—if the birth-rate stops falling and remains
at its present level—have sunk from 45 millions
to 33 millions.

"A very good thing too," said a man looking
over my shoulder as I wrote the above paragraph.
"We're over-populated, and that's why we've got
so many unemployed."

Unfortunately it doesn't work out that way
at all. I can give you a lot of figures to prove

this somewhat obvious
fact, but they are rather
boring, and what I really
want to write about is
the way the Govern-
ment intend to fill the
cradles of the nation.

They have precedents
to work on.

About the only con-
solating feature of the
birth-rate problem is
that France, Germany,
Italy, and the United
States are all in the
same boat with us.

Italy and Germany—
being what they are—
have attempted several
ingenious ways of dictat-
ing to nature.

Whether you can bul-
ly the stork into getting
back to its work is a
question best answered
by seeing what Messrs.
Mussolini and Hitler
have accomplished.

MUSSOLINI, himself
the father of five
children, preached the beauties
of birth control as a young man.

But he chuckled that doctrine
away with his Communism.

In 1927 he told Italy that its
cradles would have to be filled
and filled a good deal more
quickly if Italy was going to be-
come a really great Power.

Upon which, bachelors were
immediately penalised in blunt
fashion; their income tax was
doubled and the money thus
obtained was distributed to "de-
serving mothers."

A sort of Santa Claus at-
mosphere pervaded the whole
marriage association, from the
honeymoon and holiday trips to
Rome all the way down to pats
on the heads for little children
at the hands of Fascist digni-
taries—and even the Duce him-
self.

And what happened?

During the first six months of
1935 there were actually 9,000
fewer babies born than during
the previous six months!

Puzzle it out for yourself, for
you are as likely to be as right
as the leading economists and
biological experts.

But I confess to thinking that
there is something rather
whimsical about all the unborn
little toddlers coddling a snoot at
Mussolini's imperative demands.

WELL, the birth-rate
in Italy continues to
fall; let's cross the Alps and see
what Adolph Hitler's baby ex-
ports have accomplished.



"And now the Government
are going to add this prob-
lem to all the other problems
which they still have left to
solve."

**WANTED:
A Hundred
Thousand
Mothers**

THE German news-
papers were first
flooded with articles enticing
young women to get married
and do their duty.

"The German woman must
not only be healthy and strong,"
ran one article, "but must be
willing to give her life for the
Fatherland on the bed of child-
birth just as our soldiers do on
the battlefield."

There were more attractive
propositions, too; you could read
about "Why Geniuses Always
Spring From Large Families,"
and—articles—on—"Why—The
Happiest Mothers Are Those
with BIG Families."

Every time a baby was born
in Berlin the bell in the Doen-
hoff Square was rung and lucky
mothers could have medals pin-
ned to their breasts, testifying
to their loyalty to the Fuehrer
and the Reich. Tax reductions,
lower railway fares, bureaucrati-
c appointments for virile
fathers were also featured in
this scheme to enrich the nation
with hundreds of thousands of
new-born yells.

Lovers were encouraged by
600 mark loans to put their
mutual affection to practical
purpose, more than 150 million
marks being set aside each year
for this worthy purpose.

The whole business seemed
as fool-proof as the Hindenburg
Line.

And what happened?
Marriages (the Germans be-
ing an obedient race) leaped up
200,000 in two years; births in-
creased by 180,000 in the same
period. But the balance is not
adjusted, and if the rate does
not continue to increase Ger-
many's 68,000,000 will have
sunk to well below 50,000,000
by 1976.

France has for so long be-
moaned its falling birth-rate
that it has become Europe's
horrid example.

The French do not take kind-
ly to belabouring propaganda,
but they might be encouraged
to know that their rate is not
falling off half as rapidly as our
own in this country, where we
have dropped from 22 babies
per 1,000 of population to 14
since the war.

But now it's going to be our
turn to regiment the nursery.
From the Italian and German
experiments there emerges for
(Continued on Page 11.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Are you a parent, too, or just an authority?"

ENJOYABLE RACING IN MACAO EXPECTED ON SUNDAY

ENTRIES UP TO MARK IN APRIL MEET OF CLUB SPECIAL DOLLAR SWEEP ON GOVERNOR'S CUP

(By "Captain Foster")

Very satisfactory entries have been received for the April Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Area Preta on Sunday. I understand that the a.s. Tashan will be on the run. The time of her departure is not yet advertised, but it must no doubt be the usual 9.30 a.m.

With the curtain dropped down at Kwanli, Sunday holiday makers and followers of the turf will no doubt look forward to Macao to provide them with a good day's sport among the lower classes of China ponies.

The Macao Jockey Club has left no stone unturned, for in addition to the major contest, the Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency the Macao Governor, there will be a cup to the most successful jockey who scores the highest points, five for a win, two for a second and one for a third.

There are seven attractive events on the card, a special dollar cash sweep being conducted on the Governor's Cup which is the sixth race on the programme. No provision has been made for an "E" class event to be contested at Happy Valley during the Easter season with the result that the Highfield Handicap has been divided into two sections owing to the many entries received for the race over the mile.

Fairy Ousel Favoured To Win Event

The opening event will be the Rainton Handicap for China ponies "Y" class of any season that have not won more than \$500 in stakes since January and the run is over the six furlong course. It will be an interesting race, for it will be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than ten events. Both Fairy Ousel and Victory Life are at the head of the assessment, but I doubt whether the latter will accept as I have been given to understand that the owner wants to have a go at the Governor's Cup. I like Fairy Ousel, but Gold Clause is a danger provided of course he does not act the goat. The latter is a good buck jumper and I can still visualise how he unseated Mr. "Pinky" Botello in the Ilha Verde Handicap on September 12, 1937. The jockey had to ease off for a few months on account of a dislocated collar bone. Merry Fatty is not a bad outsider provided Mr. Cooper can get down to the allotment of 140 lbs.

Nine Ponies Assigned To First Section

The weight controller has assigned nine China ponies to the first section of the Highfield Handicap over a

mile, but we needn't worry about Styne who has been given a smuck in the head and is now in the happy hunting grounds. The Fanling hurdler, King's Parade, is in this section and I certainly fancy him to win. Although he was not among the first three, I was much impressed with his running in the Oldtimers Handicap at Kwanli on March 12, when he finished fourth in the company of "D" class raters. It may perhaps be of interest to know that this chestnut and other Fanling chasers such as Double Chance, Diogenes, Ebony Idol, Sylvandale and Zero are trained by a clever and smart half-bred who has won a few good minor events. They are too numerous to enumerate, but his latest success with Sylvandale in the Jockey Cup at the annual big meeting, deserved a pat on the back. However, I have not seen Mac's Adventure after his unsuccessful attempt in the Au Tau Handicap when he was trounced by Heriot, but it has been whispered to me that the connections expect to pull through this event on Sunday. Charybdis is a new comer among this lot. If he should give us a duplicate copy of his form when the bay gelding finished third behind Dekko and National Dignity in the Pokitum Handicap on April 10, last year, I cannot see anything to beat him. Lucky Eleven is now in its proper class and he is worth backing \$5 each way.

National Dignity Well Loaded

In the second section of the same event, National Dignity has a heavy burden of 103 lbs. to shoulder and this may hinder his chance. Both Latit and Persian Cat are nicely weighted, but the book form reveals that the former is not a good miler. I have not much news about Persian Cat, which is being trained in Macao, but it will be recalled that he, with Mr. Cooper in the saddle, ran a good race in the Republican Handicap (second section) and I would recommend you to have some money on this pony.

Bendigo Handicap An Open Race

The Bendigo Handicap for non-winning subscription geldings of the Hongkong Jockey Club of this season over six furlongs has attracted only half a dozen entries. It is not possible to "get a line" on these six racers, for all of them finished, I think, nearly the tail end at the Annual Carnival. The ponies have been given weight for inches as per scale and it looks to me that Charcoal is about the best of the bunch.



Lim Thiam-tet entered the quarter-finals of the Colony tennis singles championship yesterday by beating E. C. Fincher in two hard-fought sets. On the whole he showed good all-round form.

Rugby League Tie Won By Barrow

London, Mar. 30. In the Rugby League Barrow defeated Widnes by 9-2 to-day.—Reuter.

This brownie is very fond of twitching his tail and it is earnestly hoped that he will not shut up like a knife when coming round the bend for the home stretch. I am afraid that High Tower is not a nice animal to ride, for he is very fond of running in and out. The Spirit of St. Louis lacks speed and energy.

A Good Field Expected For Fulwell H'cap

I expect to see a good field in the Fulwell Handicap, but we shall see a good fight among the "D" class raters over a sprint of six furlongs. Double Chance, Flybynight, Gold Sovereign and Good Morning do not require any formal introduction, for all of them have done well on the Portuguese course. I may be wrong, but will only consider the chance of Flybynight if the pony is ridden by Mr. Peter Wei. In the Kansu Handicap run on January 8, Gold Sovereign, the winner, and Good Morning, who finished behind, were on the same level, but on Sunday the former has to concede 7 lbs. to lead and in the circumstances the English gold coin appears to me as a better racer. Of course the opposition comes from, I think, Double Chance who has been kindly treated. The last named with Mr. Nee in the saddle was a good second behind Savage Master in the Royal Navy Cup beating

Selections Made By "Capt. Foster"

My selections for the first six events are as follows:

- RAINTON HANDICAP
Fairy Ousel
Gold Clause
Merry Fatty
HIGHFIELD HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)
King's Parade
Mac's Adventure
Charybdis
HIGHFIELD HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)
Persian Cat
National Dignity
Cloudy Star
BENDIGO HANDICAP
Charcoal
High Tower
Sports Gesture
FULWELL HANDICAP
Gold Sovereign
Double Chance
Flybynight
GOVERNOR'S CUP
Fairy Auk
Victory Life
Hogmanay

several classy 'uns among the old subscription geldings, and if that form can be reproduced, Double Chance should register his first win for Major H. H. Oliver. Apart from the fact that she has never made the excursion to Macao, I cannot recommend Royal Highness as the mare has a propensity to let you down for no earthly reason. Furthermore I have no use for any pony weighing out with blinkers. In my estimation Cuban Love, Lancashire Chap, National Anthem and Tribute belong to another street.

FORMER PERAK CHAMPION IMPRESSES ON STAND COURT

LIM THIAM-TET BEATS FINCHER IN TWO SETS

(By "Abe")

Playing as well as he has done of late, E. C. Fincher found yesterday that this was not good enough when he met Lim Thiam-tet, former champion of Perak, in the third round of the Colony tennis singles championship on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and was defeated by 8-6, 10-8. As a result of this victory, Lim enters the quarter-finals.

The scores give a good indication of how close the match was throughout. True, Fincher might have taken the first set but he badly misjudged a ball which was going outside at a crucial moment and the opportunity never came back again. That Fincher was the more experienced player of the two was obvious right through the match, but his execution very often was faulty.

On the other hand, Lim, who made his debut on the stand court, had all his strokes, except one, beautifully under control. His drive was in almost perfect order on both wings, and though he seldom went up to the net, when he was forced to do so he showed he had quite a reliable volley and smash.

But for some inexplicable reason he persisted with a drop shot which, against another man, might have had the effects of a boomerang. He has not yet perfected the shot and probably would do well to discard it in tournament play. As it was yesterday, Fincher got to the ball nine times out of ten and should have scored more winners with his return shots than he actually did.

One has to admit, however, that when Fincher failed to make an outright winner of his return, Lim passed him with splendid drives down the lines or beat him with a finely-judged lob.

NOT A WINNER. On the whole, one formed the impression that Lim did not use the drop-shot with which to score winners but as a means to lure Fincher up to the net. If this is correct, then he certainly succeeded.

In all other departments of the game, however, Lim seems to be extremely well-equipped. He revealed no real weakness in yesterday's match, and I could not help thinking that he would have been more effective had he forsaken his drop-shot for straight-honest-to-goodness tennis. He was foot-faulted a couple of times in his service, and though affected by this to a certain extent he showed he had the right temperament by getting over it quickly.

Fincher started off the match as if he meant business and, playing extremely well, he won the first two games. Lim settled down after this and took a lead of 5-3. At this stage he was foot-faulted and he quickly dropped the next three games. But he recovered just in time, thanks to an error of judgment by Fincher. Leading 6-5 and the scores deuced, Fincher took a ball which would have gone out by a yard,

and then won the next point. Had he left the ball go by in the previous stroke, the set would have been his!

The second set was again a ding-dong affair, with victory going to the Chinese in the 18th game.

OTHER MATCHES. Tsui Wai-pul, the holder of the singles title, had a bit of practice in his third-round tie with Wong Shiu-wing, a club-mate, and won in straight sets, conceding only five games.

On an adjoining court a marathon match was played between I. M. A.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles
Lim Thiam-tet beat E. C. Fincher 8-6, 10-8.
Tsui Wai-pul (holder) beat Wong Shiu-wing 6-3, 6-2.
I. M. A. Razack beat Luk Chun-cheung 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Open Doubles
Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky received a walk-over from Lt. Col. Newnham and Major Balnes.

Razack and Luk Chun-cheung. The game was reduced to a test of stamina and the Indian, because of his greater lasting power, won after three sets.

In the final set with the scores deadlocked at 5-5, spectators were amazed to see Luk being given a rub-down by friends, thus breaking one of the most important rules of the game. But his five-minutes' rest was of no avail.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:

Open Singles—J. M. Tomlinson v. W. J. Howard; J. W. Leonard v. H. D. Rumbold.

Open Doubles—Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yun-pul v. Paul Kong and Szabo Bick.

Both Crews Considered To Be Below Average

London, Mar. 30.

Although both the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews are considered to be below the average, one of the closest races in years is expected on Saturday morning when the race will be decided, starting at 11 a.m.

Cambridge were installed as slight favourites during the early training, but reports and discussion in camp, which had an upsetting effect on the crew, caused the betting to veer 6-5 on Oxford despite the fact that they made the unprecedented action of changing the stroke a week before the race.

R. A. Bourne, who was originally selected to stroke the Oxford crew, was dropped because of a suspected weakness in stamina. This action breaks a family tradition; Bourne's grand-father and father stroked Oxford crews.

J. R. Bingham, who is substituted, is considered more physically suited. He certainly has infused more life into the Oxford stroke and has kept the crew well together.

Hurt Massey, son of the Canadian High Commissioner in London, has the distinction of being the smallest coxswain in the history of the Boat Race. He stands 4 ft. 2 ins. and weighs 5 st. 1½ lbs.—Reuter.

LITTLE TO CHOOSE

London, Mar. 30.

With only a couple of days left for practice, the Oxford and Cambridge crews are concluding their strenuous preparation on the tidal-way which has been interrupted

Golf H. COTTON NOW LEADS 3 STROKES

London, Mar. 30.

At Bournemouth to-day, Henry Cotton, with an aggregate of 144 over 36 holes, led the field at the end of the second round in the Daily Mail Professional Golf Tournament.

Cotton had a 75 to-day and is three strokes ahead of Dai Rees. Next are G. Knight, C. A. Whitcombe and A. Compston with aggregates of 146.

Others include Reginald Whitcombe 151, Cecil Denny (who led with Cotton in the first round) 154, and Alfred Perry 155.

Forty-nine players with aggregates of 158 or better qualified for Friday's final 36 holes.—Reuter.

consistently by rough conditions.

There seems little to choose between them. Oxford is heavier and more powerful, but it is doubtful whether she can retain the balance when striking quickly. Cambridge with a quick-stroking and well-balanced crew has reached the peak of preparation at a psychological moment and shown fine watermanship in heavy water.—Reuter.

MAIN RACE SHOULD SEE GOOD FIGHT

The Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency Dr. T. T. Sousa Barbosa is a handicap jaunt among the "Y" class China ponies over the mile course and the event has to be completed every six months during Spring and Autumn. The pony, Merry Dour, which annexed this event last May, is not in existence, but Shanghai 4, the Autumn winner, is among the list of entries. There is no doubt that Shanghai 4 has been on the wane since he returned from the walking list after the resumption in 1938. After capturing the Governor's Cup with Mr. Encarnacao in the saddle at the fall, I was sanguine, in fact held out hopes, that Mr. Potts' champion would stage a comeback, but the last three subsequent outings of the Macao pride were very disappointing displays. His last unplaced running in the Chungqua Cup before the Chinese New Year was certainly not due to the enfeeblement of the avoider and Shanghai 4 has been asked to carry only 140 lbs. on Sunday against 160 lbs. to be shouldered by Fairy Auk belonging to Mrs. F. J. Gellion. A drop of 10 lbs. in favour of the old warrior seems to suggest that the weight adjuster has let the pony in or perhaps he intends to put a full stop to Fairy Auk's successes.

Shanghai 4 made his first appearance in the Tain Shan Plate (five furlongs) run on September 13, 1938, and with Mr. Datta up the combination romped home first with a few pounds to spare. It will be interesting to recall that in the same afternoon the grey gelding (it was then owned by Mr. J. A. Victor) weighed out for the Pao Shan Plate over seven furlongs and the Stewards of the Macao Jockey Club ordered the charger to carry 7 lbs. extra. It was learned that the extra poundage was incurred on account of the fact that she has never made the excursion to Macao. I cannot recommend Royal Highness as the mare has a propensity to let you down for no earthly reason. Furthermore I have no use for any pony weighing out with blinkers. In my estimation Cuban Love, Lancashire Chap, National Anthem and Tribute belong to another street.

LAST EVENT

The meeting will terminate with a scramble over half a mile for China ponies of "D" and "Y" classes that have started and not won. Being post entries, readers will have to make their own selections.

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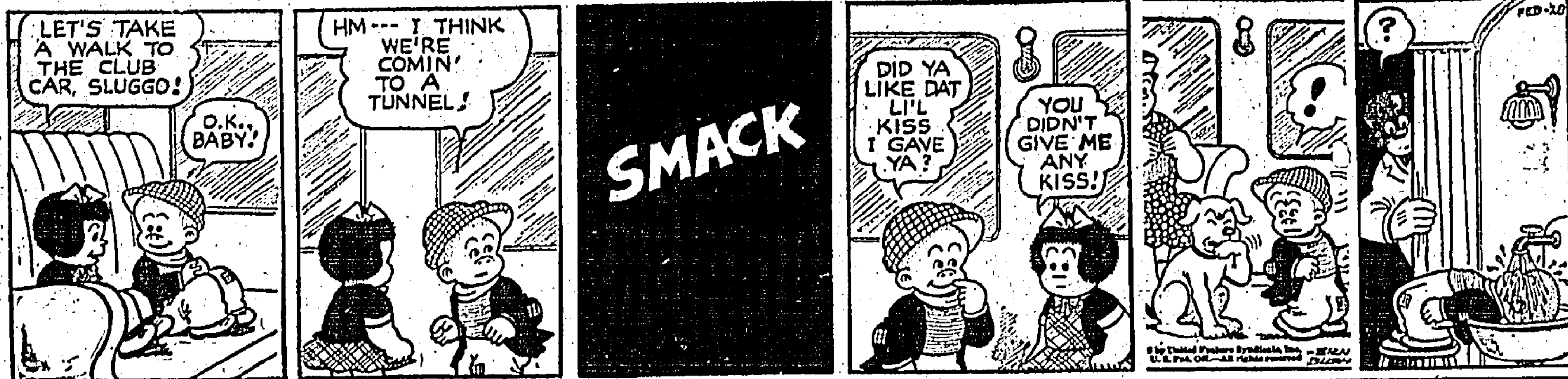
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NANCY



Tennis League Players To Be Registered

Decision Reached At Annual Meeting Of Hongkong Association

Two important resolutions were carried unanimously at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association in the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, yesterday evening.

They were:
1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the Officers of the Association i.e. the President, the Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, and of four other members.
2. This regulation will displace Regulation 4 (a) of the Association's regulations.

Four players must be registered for each team in each Division except the lowest ("D" Division), at least one week before the commencement of the League (May 15). The four registered players shall not be allowed to play in any lower Division than that for which they are registered in the same season.

This regulation will be known as Rule 7 of the New Rules (League). His Honour, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, President, said that there was little to comment on in the annual report. The Association had on the whole enjoyed an uneventful year, but one not without interest. The wonderful success of Chinese Recreation Club, who won every Division except "D", deserved the highest credit. In the "A", "B", "C" and Mixed Doubles Divisions they won every match played and won 22 1/2 sets as against only 2 1/2 by their various opponents. This, the President said, was a record for which they can be justly proud, and on which we most heartily congratulate them.

But congratulations are also due to K.T.G.C.A., who won "D" Division without losing a match and were runners up in the "C" Division, being only two points behind the winners. "By and large, I think the standard of lawn tennis in the Colony is improving as more and more of the younger generation come into the limelight and here the League and Colony Championships help considerably.

"It is a great handicap, however, to those who have reached the top of the tree that they have so little opportunity of meeting and being beaten by better players. Once a local player knows himself good enough to beat any other local player, it is almost inevitable that his game, so far from improving, will begin to deteriorate. "Exhibition games in which foreign visitors such as Von Cramm and Heinkel, in 1937, and last year the four young Americans, who took part, provide more valuable object lessons, especially as to the possibilities of the serve—a weapon which is too much neglected in Hongkong—but the visits of these players are too fleeting, and too few and far between, to be able to raise our standard very high.

FAR EAST TOURNEY
"Here too the enterprise of the Lawn Tennis Federation of Cochinchina in organising the Annual Championships of the Far East is most welcome.

"We were very glad at the year-end to be able to accept their invitation to the first tournament, but, unfortunately, the band of three who were able to secure leave and make the trip did not include a Tsui or a Rumjahn."

"I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Federation most gratefully for their cordiality in inviting our participation and for their entertainment of our players. We hope to send down a more fully representative team next year.

"Turning to the working account. There is practically nothing for comment. Our income just covered our expenses, in which the only item of interest is the cost of the passages of our three players to Saigon at the year end—\$195. On the asset side of the balance sheet we show \$195 as due for the Federation of Cochinchina in respect of the return passages of the same players, and this sum has since been paid."

1939 OFFICERS
The election of officers resulted as follows:
President—His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, for the 10th year in succession.
Vice-President—Mr. M. W. Lo, in place of Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, who is leaving the Colony next month.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. T. A. Pearce, in place of Mr. C. J. Cecchi, who is at home on long leave.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. Ezra Abraham, re-elected.

Hon. League Secretary—Mr. F. A. Broadbridge, re-elected.

Executive Committee—Messrs. T. F. Lo, A. de Arcuelli, E. de Souza and Major Baines's nominee—Major Baines, the Services' representative, is proceeding home next week.

Interpret. Selection Committee— Messrs. M. W. Lo, A. E. P. Guest, H. A. Barros, Major Baines's nominee, Ho Ka-lai and T. A. Pearce (Hon. Secretary).

SEASON OPENS MAY 15
Entries for the 1939 Tennis League will close on April 15 and the season will open officially on May 15 with an "A" Division programme.

A change in the order of play was approved as follows:

Monday—"A" Division.

Tuesday—"B" Division.

Wednesday—"C" Division.

Thursday—"D" Division.

Friday—Mixed Double Division.

Ladies' Recreation Club, who possess only hard courts, were granted permission to play home matches on their hard courts. Last year they played all their home matches on their opponents' courts.

Radio Sports Club, who are considering entering two teams, were refused permission to play home matches, possessing only two grass courts.

Starting Times Announced Golf At Fanling This Week-End

The following are the starting times at Fanling:

SATURDAY
Old Course

2.00 Eng. Cdr. Holt, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Davis.

2.04 Laidlaw, R. J. K. Walker.

2.08 C. C. Black, I. H. Geare.

2.12 C. C. Morris, L. Landauer.

2.16 W. C. Farman, W. J. Kelly.

SUNDAY
Old Course

9.10 R. K. Valentine, L. M. S. Lloyd.

9.14 T. J. J. Fenwick, A. S. Adamson.

9.18 J. L. C. Pearce, D. Humphreys.

9.22 H. Hall, M. C. Higgin.

9.26 S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Geare.

9.30 W. C. Sheehan, A. McKellar.

9.34 P. E. Deane, E. J. McMullen.

9.38 A. D. Humphreys, L. R. Cramer.

9.42 J. J. Shirley, F. C. Young.

9.46 F. A. R. Newing, W. Hewitt.

9.50 E. A. Bompa, W. B. Richardson.

9.54 F. D. Hunter, A. E. Lissman.

9.58 K. B. Robertson, K. B. Robertson.

10.02 F. A. Redmond, A. B. Purves.

10.06 W. A. M. Smalley, D. S. Edwards.

10.10 D. D. Forbes, A. F. Timmons.

10.14 J. M. Pearson, R. H. Gregory.

10.18 J. S. Dunnett, F. A. M. Elliott.

10.22 H. Hall, M. C. Higgin.

10.26 Cdr. Murray, J. W. Mayhew.

10.30 W. C. Farman, W. J. Kelly.

10.34 E. B. Robertson, K. B. Robertson.

10.38 L. Jackson, J. Forbes.

10.42 Col. King, Col. Gowland.

10.46 Mrs. N. W. Woodward.

10.50 R. S. Harrison, M. G. Carruthers.

11.00 J. Linaker, H. J. D. Lowe.

11.04 J. Harrop, D. L. Probet.

11.08 J. Stenerson, C. C. Worrall.

11.12 G. Riddell-Carr, C. D. N. Walker.

11.16 K. B. Robertson, K. B. Robertson.

11.20 Brig. Gen. Taylor, Major Johnston.

11.24 M. Park, E. Laidlaw.

11.28 S. Hillier, A. J. Dennis.

New Course

9.24 I. P. Tamworth, D. S. Robb.

9.28 M. N. & C. A. A. Macdonald.

9.32 H. F. Sommers, S. R. & J. R.

9.36 H. & M. Overy.

9.40 Sir Vandeleur & Miss Grayburn.

9.44 F. B. Winter, Miss Vickers.

9.48 E. G. H. Grimble, Mrs. Winter.

9.52 E. G. H. Grimble, Mrs. Winter.

9.56 E. G. H. Grimble, Mrs. Winter.

10.00 Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Dennis.

Unsuccessful in ballot for Old Course.

Clipper Crosses Atlantic

The Yankes Clipper, which left the Azores this morning, arrived here at 4.12 p.m.

The Clipper is on a survey flight across the South Atlantic and is bound for Southampton.



Louis Hayward, Alan Curtis and Richard Carlson join in a pep talk prior to the big ice hockey game which climaxes the action of Edward Small's "Duke of West Point" showing at King's Theatre on Sunday.

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following are teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow.

Home Winners

Arsenal
Derby
Everton
Manchester C.
Sheffield Wed.
Wrexham
Newport
Port Vale
Heart's

Optional Selections

Huddersfield
Sunderland
Fulham
Swansea
Bristol C.

Keen Bouts Witnessed In Army Boxing

Some keen bouts were witnessed at the finals of the Hongkong Area Inter-Unit open Boxing Championships held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, last night.

The finalists were the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, and the 2nd Bn. Royal Scots.

The Middlesex Regiment came out easy winners, winning 13 out of the 15 bouts.

L/C. Noble and L/C. McCrae were featured in the best scrap of the evening, both fighters going for each other right from the start. Noble winning with a knock out in the second round. L/C. Morley and L/C. Ritchie were the only winners for the Royal Scots.

The G. O. C., Major General A. E. Graet, presented the prizes at the conclusion of the bouts, and congratulated the winners for putting up a splendid display.

The officials were: Captain E. H. B. Neill (Referee), Captain F. Sale and Captain W. B. Wilson (Judges). Rev. S. Hingling (Timekeeper), and G. S. M. Estall (M.C.).

Bantamweight—Ple. Hope (Mid.) beat Bds. Bailey.

Featherweight—(1st. String) L/C. Noble (Mid.) knocked out L/C. McCrae, 2nd. round; (2nd. String) L/C. Phillips (Mid.) beat Pte. Bonner.

Light Weight—(1st. String) Cpl. Ellis (Mid.) beat L/C. Barker, (L.C.O.) (2nd. String) L/C. Morley (R.S.) knocked out Pte. Gribble, 1st. round; (3rd. String) Pte. Geist (Mid.) beat Pte. Miller.

Welter Weight—(1st. String) Cpl. McGandy (Mid.) beat Cpl. Elliot; (2nd. String) L/C. Ritchie (R.S.) beat Cpl. Holdford; 3rd. String) Pte. Milroy (Mid.) beat Pte. Sharkey; (4th. String) Pte. Eaton (Mid.) beat Pte. Manson.

Middleweight—(1st. String) L/C. Webster (Mid.) beat Pte. Emerson; (2nd. String) Pte. Lawcott (Mid.)

Cricket

Engineers Held To Draw By School

The Royal Engineers drew with the Diocesan Boys' School in a friendly cricket match played at Shamshuipo on Wednesday last.

The Engineers batted first, and although their opening batsmen were rather slow, they compiled 151 for eight wickets in just under two hours.

Against the brilliant bowling of Cpl. Denyer, the Schoolboys could do little, and but for Hutchinson, who hit 20 not out, they would probably have been defeated.

A feature of the match was the performance of Denyer, who scored 43 and took six wickets for 25.

Scores:
Royal Engineers
Q. M. S. Goodger, c and b Cheung 37
Sgt. Carpenter, b Cheung 28
Spr. Bailey, c Cheung b Fraza 26
Cpl. Denyer, c Cheung b Cheung 43
Sgt. Dimond, b Fraza 14
L/Cpl. Milestone, b Cheung 11
Sgt. Denyer, not out 8
Spr. Gates, not out 1
Spr. Watts, b Fraza 20
Extras 11
Total for 7 wickets, 151

Bowling Analysis:
Hutchinson 0 M. R. W.
Cheung 12 2 30 4
Fraza 11 3 30 4
Goodban 3 0 10 0
Macaulay 2 0 10 0

Diocesan Boys' School
F. J. Lay, c and b Denyer 0
A. J. Fisher, c sub. b Denyer 1
Prata, b.w. Goodger 1
Sgt. Bailey, c Cheung b Fraza 20
Cpl. Denyer, c sub. b Cheung 25
Kew, c Carpenter b Denyer 10
Macaulay, c Carpenter b Denyer 13
Sgt. Denyer, not out 8
Cheung, not out 11
Extras 11
Total for 7 wickets, 77

Bowling Analysis:
Goodger 8 3 16 1
Denyer 12 2 30 4
Prata 11 3 30 4
Carpenter 2 0 12 0
Milestone 1 0 10 0

CRAIGENGOWER TEAMS

The following will represent the Craigengower C.C. first eleven in their League cricket match against the Hongkong C.C. to-morrow: E. Zimmerman (Capt.), F. Zimmerman, G. Zimmerman, D. Hung, W. Rappley, G. Souza, B. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, A. K. Ismail, A. B. Hamson and W. Hong Siling.

The second eleven will be represented by: B. I. France (Capt.), J. L. Youngs, G. Winch, W. K. Way, J. W. Leonard, N. Broadbridge, C. W. Lam, M. C. Hung, U. Esmail, H. P. Lim and T. Locke.

SUNDAY MATCH

The following will represent Kowloon C.C. in a game against the Police at Happy Valley on Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

W. Mulcahy (captain), K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, H. Broken-shire, G. G. Davies, G. W. Giffen, G. A. Goodban, R. E. Lee, W. L. McKenzie, G. E. Taylor, A. Wright.

beat Pte. McNally; (3rd. String) Bds. McDonald (Mid.) beat L/C. Peebles; Light Heavyweight—L/C. Fox (Mid.) beat Pte. Moran (Mid.); Heavy Weight—Pte. Moran (Mid.) knocked out Pte. Alexander in the 2nd. round.

EXCITING BADMINTON PROMISED

Varsity, Recreio To Play Off

Exciting badminton is expected to be seen at Talkoo on Wednesday next, April 5, when Club de Recreio and University meet in a play-off for the mixed doubles league championship.

Recreio, who are the holders, and who, in fact have won the title every year since the inception of the competition, were expected to win quite comfortably again this year, especially after beating the University so easily in the early part of the season.

But the Varsity came back with a brilliant win in the return encounter, and as neither team have dropped any other points, they finish the programme with identical records.

This play-off on Wednesday will start at 8 p.m. and both clubs hope to turn out their strongest teams. It should be badminton worth going a long way to see.

Contract Signed With King's Theatre

Columbia Films yesterday signed a contract to show their productions at the King's Theatre during the coming year. Among the big pictures due for release in Hongkong are: "Q Planes" (British), with Ida Lupino; "Lone Wolf's Spy Hunt" starring Ida Lupino in a five comedy roles; "Plane 4" (tentative title) co-starring Jean Arthur and Cary Grant; "The Lady and the Mob"; "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"; production on which is being held up until Gary Cooper is free to take the title role; "Our Wife," co-starring Loretta Young and Cary Grant; and "Girl School," with Ann Shirley and Nan Gray, which was recently shown in Manila with great success. Frank Lloyd, who directed such hits as "If I Were King" and "Cavalcade," has been signed up by Columbia.

HOCKEY MATCH

Caer Clarke Match Won By "Y" Ladies

The "Y" Ladies secured an overwhelming victory over St. Andrew's in a Caer Clarke hockey encounter, at King's Park, yesterday, by six goals to two. The Saints were pressed from the start and their opponents netted five goals in quick succession before interval.

About ten minutes before the final whistle was blown, the Saints mustered up their strength and scored two goals. For the winners, Harker scored four times, and Caidley and Burnett each netted once. A Zimmerman scored for the Saints.

KOWLOON F. C. TEAM

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club in their First Division football match against the Hongkong Football Club to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.:

Humberstone; Everest, Bill; Maxwell, Bliss, Hornball; W. Knox, P. Jorge, Riersten, V. White and Eastman.

SPORT ADVTS

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB
The April Race Meeting will be held at Arela Freia, Macao, on Sunday, 2nd April, 1939, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.45 p.m.
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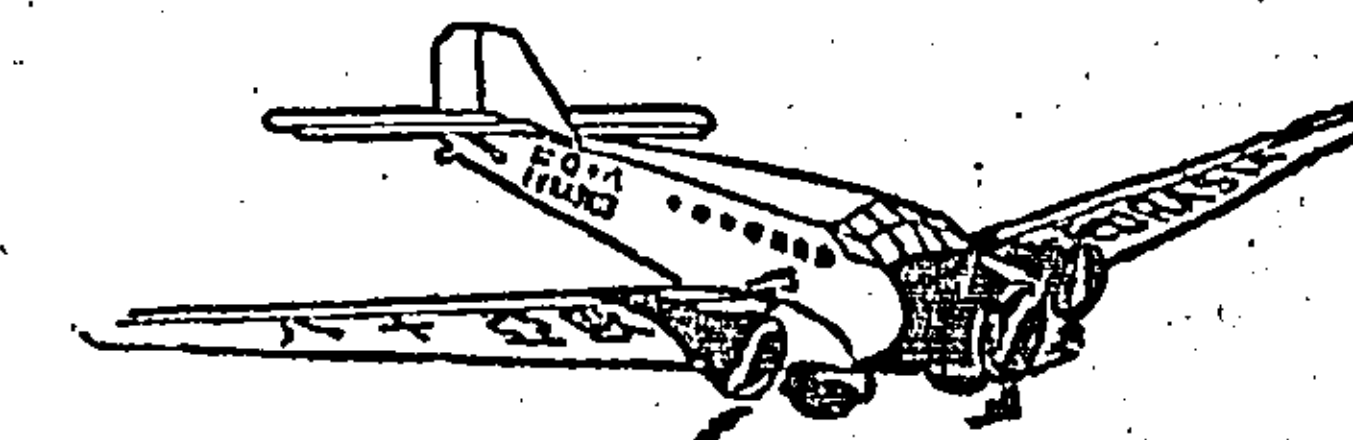
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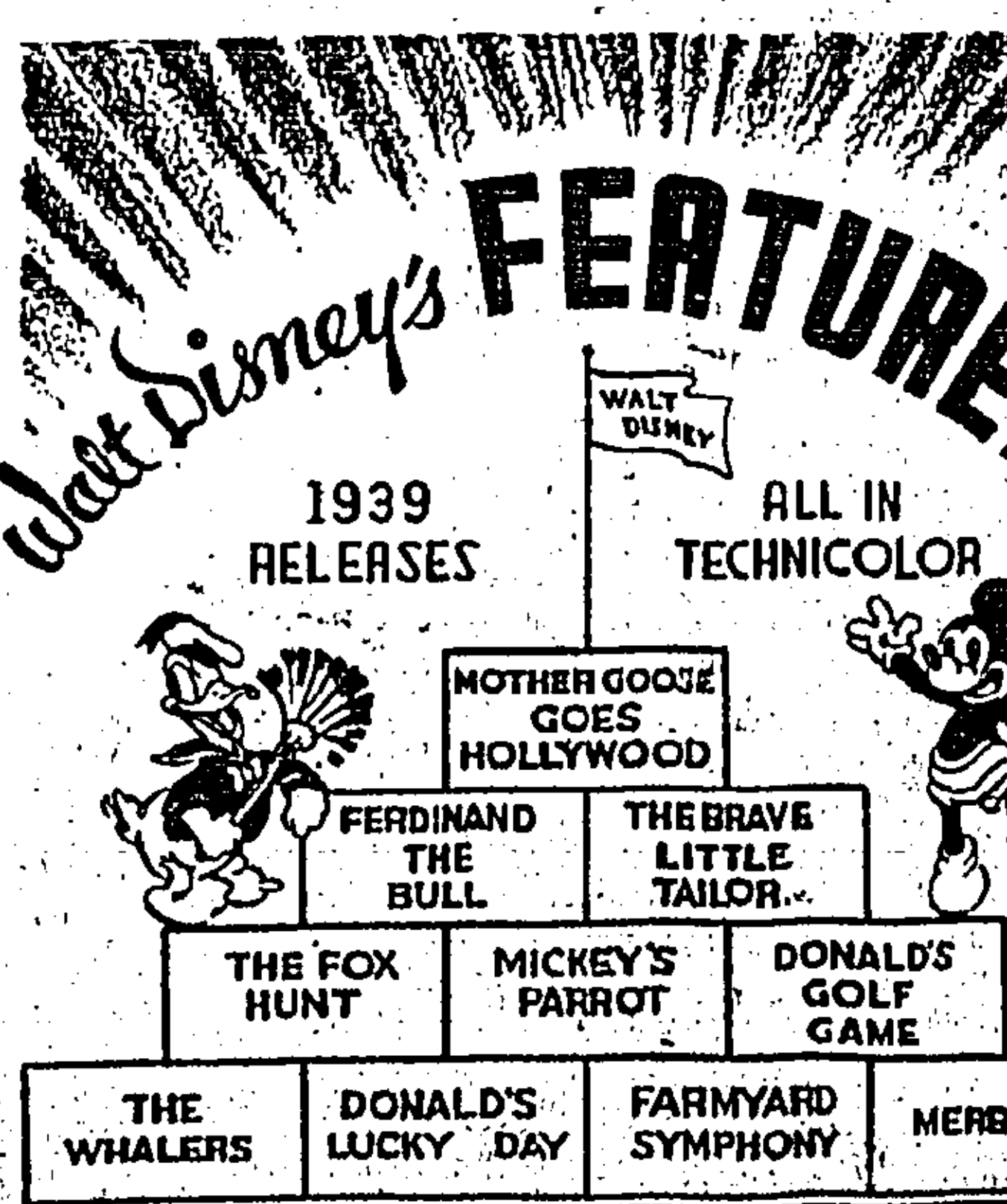
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Unless you live up to, which means make up to, the Colours which Nature, to any nothing of the dressmakers, is hatching day by day, spring is half wasted on you. The new dressmakers' colours are lovely—but only if you know how to make up to them.

BEIGE and STONE are starred for spring, but they are difficult to wear. Test powders until you find one that looks like the bloom on a pale side of a peach. Your rouge must be the clear red of a ripe apple, your lipstick matching. A blue-black or green-blue mascara will look better than the sophistication of black, a grey, blue, or green eye shadow fresher than more exotic colours.

PINKS and PURPLES are still with us, but you want a warmer, more robust look in spring sunshine. Buy a darker pink and mix it with your winter shade. Your lipstick must be softer in tone, rozier than the winter cyclamen; your rouge must have less mauve in it. Blue mascara and eye shadow is more gentle to eyes tired after late winter nights than mauve.

YELLOW is high fashion, but hard on the complexion. A pinky look is unbecoming, but not worse than a jaundiced effect. You want a powder the shade of a peeled banana. Lipstick and rouge must be that pure soft pomegranate colour. Eye make-up must be clear and young-looking—mascara and eye shadow a fresh green or blue.

GREENY-YELLOWS are important this season. Make-up should be rather like that for yellow, but rouge and lipstick should be lighter, with just a hint of orange.

BLACK or NAVY in spring wants careful make-up. Powder have no tinge of yellow, but the skin must look warm. The best thing, for average skins, is a first coat of pale pink powder with a dusting of warmer peach on top. Lipstick and rouge must be brilliant with neither orange nor blue undertones. Dark blue mascara is younger than black.

PASTELS and WHITE will be in soon. Nothing looks worse than a sophisticated masquerade with ingenu colours. Let your powder be a clear pale peach, your lipstick and rouge a clear rose. Be sparing with eye make-up; pale green or blue is best.



Thoughtlessly Destructive Children

WHY are the boys of seven and upwards so thoughtlessly destructive?

The advent of new boys in school means that I must keep my eyes open, otherwise much school property will be damaged.

These boys come from good homes. They are well fed and clothed, and have no vices, but many of them are utterly careless when dealing with my property or their own personal belongings. They have to be constantly reminded to hang their clothes in the proper place, to tie their shoelaces properly, and to take care of books, pens, pencils, and other school requisites.

When a small boy in the sick room was lent an illustrated copy of "Peter Pan" he tore out all the full page pictures, folded them in a variety of shapes and put them in the pocket of his dressing gown.

When I saw Bill, aged eight, digging holes in the tennis lawn with the heel of his shoe, I asked—"What would your mother say if I did the same thing to her lawn?" he answered—"She'd be very angry." But he had no respect for my property. Not till later.

Disregard for Others Property

A boarder of only a few months went to his dormitory, opened the window in a gale, and allowed it to blow off its hinges. The same thoughtless fellow sits with his feet on the staves of the chairs, wipes his sticky fingers under the seat of the chair or table, scrapes his feet on the linoleum or carpet, and being one of those children who must touch and handle things damages them in the process. His latest exploit was to use the cork mat in the bathroom as a sledge until he broke it in half.

I have flower borders round the school playing field. Some boys throw little lumps of flower borders, plants, or flowers, and trample over them.

There is at the moment a large hole in the entrance hall wall. This was caused by a boy who amused himself in swinging the door and banging the key into the wall. He told me he did not mean to do it. Another new boy, in his first term, managed to smash

But Parents Are To Blame

By A SCHOOLMASTER

about a dozen panes of glass in an outbuilding.

When a mother interviewed me recently she brought three children with her. During the whole interview the children were walking round my study, picking up first one article and then another, drumming upon the piano, and making themselves generally at home with my furniture.

Not one word of remonstrance came from the mother, who probably would have been disobeyed had she given the children an order.



This dress in one-piece style is in a wool chenille. It is featured in a corn yellow, with olive introduced in the suede belt with the yellow. Note the detail on the bodice.

SHORT CUTS

In bad weather, when drying clothes indoors on a line, use a coat hanger for each garment to conserve space.

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NOW that prunes can be bought cheaply, it is a pity we don't make more use of this tasteful and satisfying fruit.

Try some of these recipes when plain stewed prunes don't tempt you.

Prune Custard Pudding

Overnight soak two cupsful of prunes and then cut out the stones and roughly chop up the fruit. Butter a pie-dish, and prepare some slices of bread and butter. Fill the dish with layers of bread and butter, sugar, prunes, and a little grated nutmeg, and finish off with a layer of bread.

Now make the custard by beating a large egg in two cups of milk, and pouring this over the other ingredients. Stand the dish in a pan of water and cook in a moderate oven for about an hour.

Prune Tarts

Stew a pound of prunes in the usual way, and when tender pass through a sieve.

Beat the yolks of two eggs with a gill of milk and the prune pulp and then whisk the egg whites and add them. Line some pastry this with short crust and fill with the mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes.

Prunes in the Meat Course

Prunes give a delicious flavour to meat pies and puddings, and make a shepherd's pie an out-of-the-ordin-

Modes And Manners

QUESTION: "Please enlighten me on this point of etiquette: Should the spoon be dipped away from the body for soft foods as well as soups?"—K. J.

ANSWER: The rule mentioned applies to soups only. The spoon followed by the spoon or fork for eating soft and semi-solid foods is toward the body, if these are better managed that way, which, as a rule, they are.

QUESTION: "Should asparagus be eaten with the fingers or a fork?"—N. J.

ANSWER: The fork should be used.

dry dish. Add some tomato ketchup and a minced onion as well as some stoned prunes to any cold, leftover meat. Mince the meat and arrange the ingredients in layers. Top with mashed potatoes and you will have a dish with an intriguing "different" flavour.

Pickled Prunes

Soak a pound of prunes overnight, having pricked their skins. Place them in the pickling jar. Boil three-quarters of a pint of vinegar with three ounces of sugar and a few chillies and leave to cool. Pour the vinegar over the prepared prunes and tie up.

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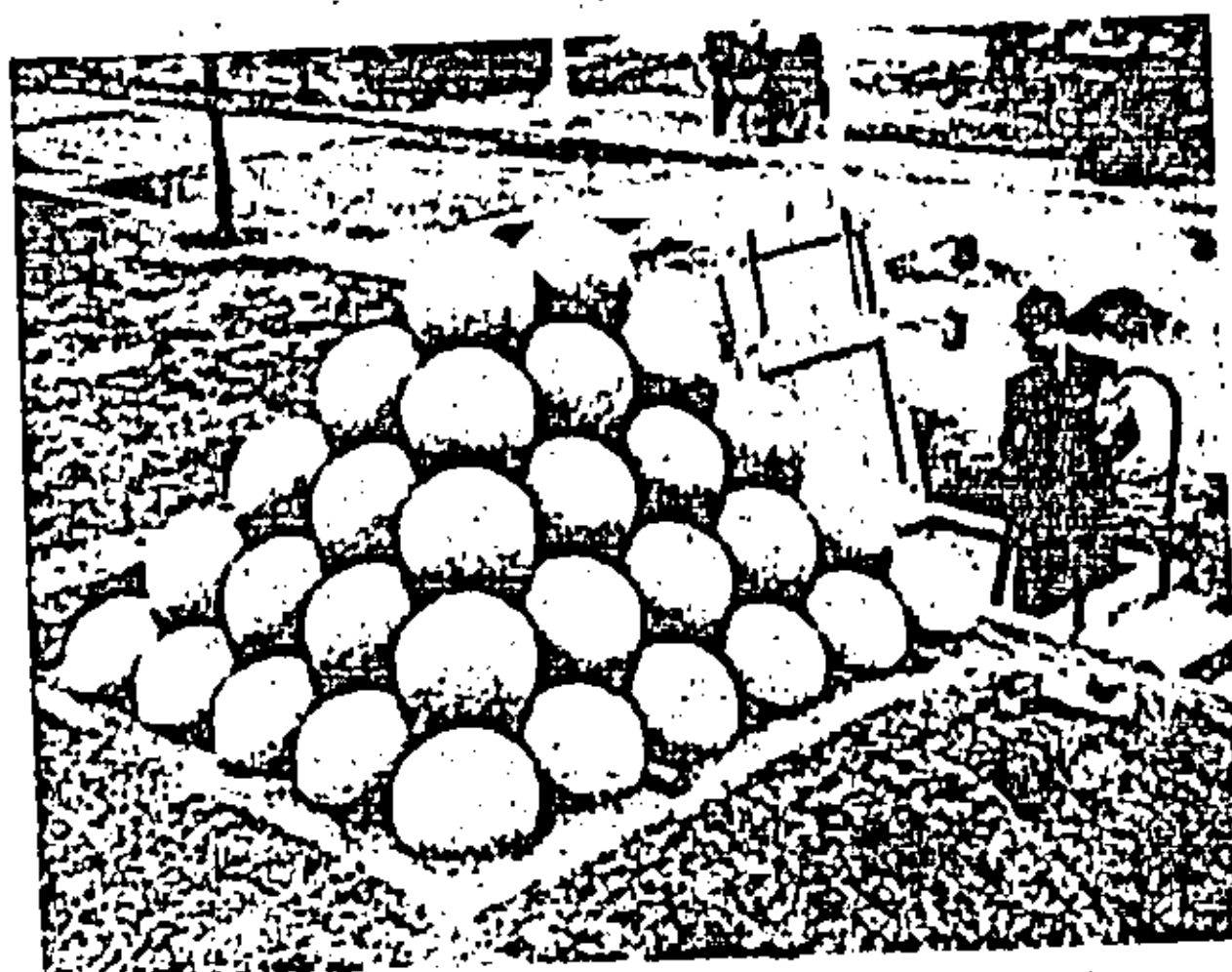
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PHOTO NEWS



One of many A.R.P. devices exhibited in the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair. A shelter built beneath the ground and covered with sand-bags.

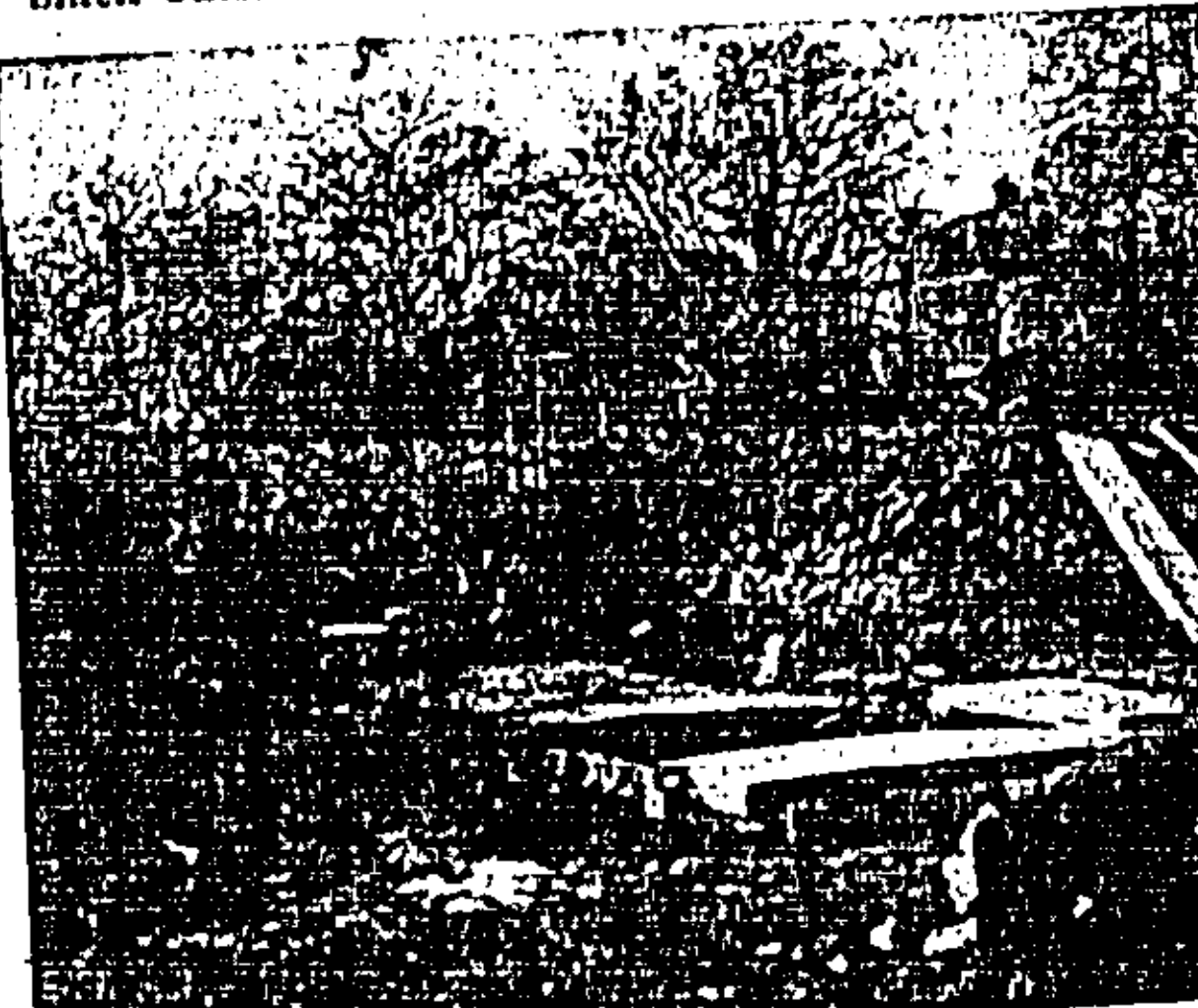
LEFT: Their Majesties leaving St. Andrew's Garrison Church, which has been enlarged and decorated, after attending the reopening service. St. Andrew's Church stands beside the Queen's Avenue on the site of the Iron Church, which dated from the days of the war dead of the Church of Scotland and kindred churches throughout the Empire. It was opened by the Princess Royal in 1927.



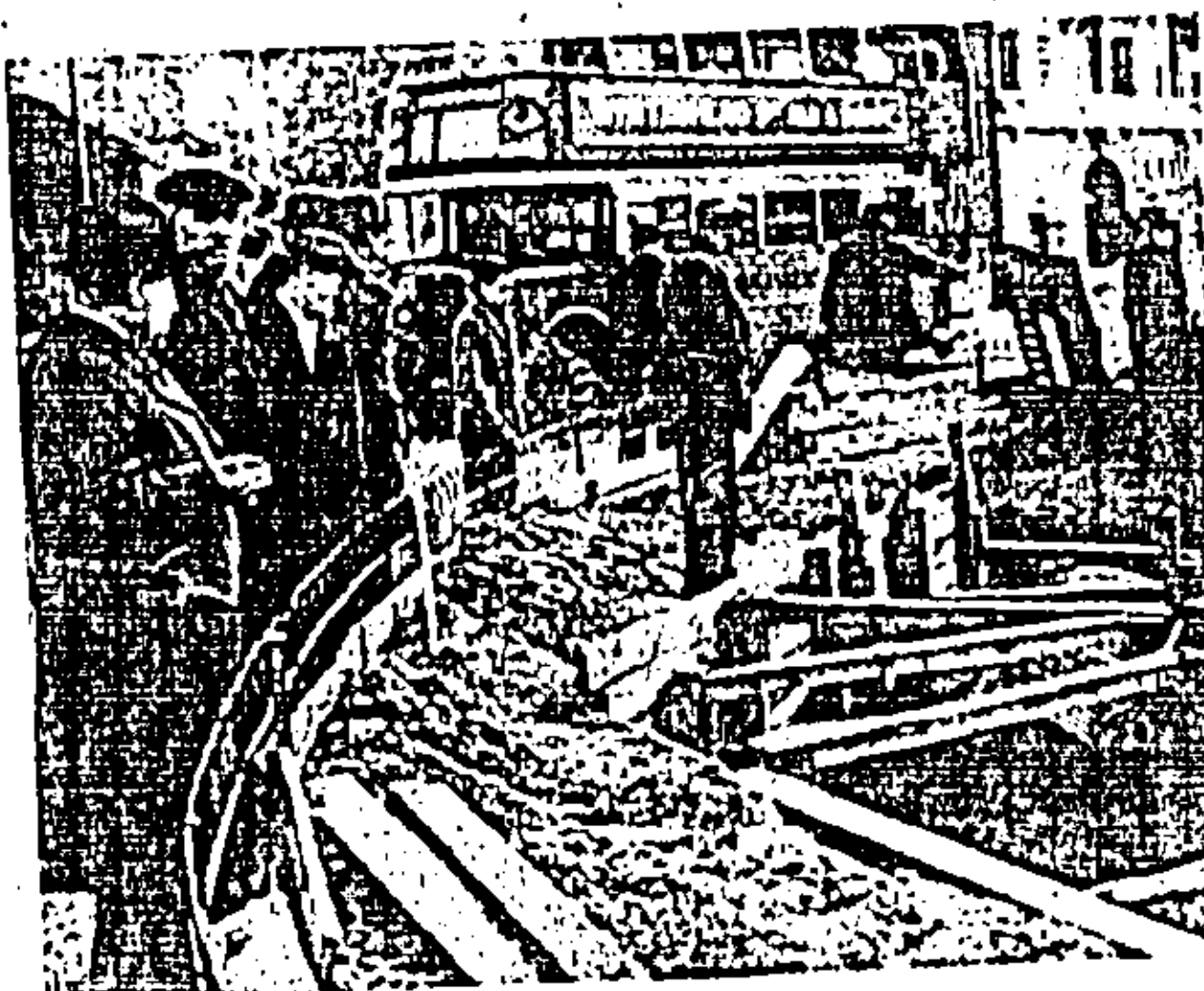
A particularly ingenious A.R.P. idea which attracted much attention at the British Industries Fair: A shelter protected by a mound of concrete balls designed to deflect a direct hit.



Some of the 2-cwt. concrete slabs which are being used to cover the trenches in Green Park. A.R.P. is at long last beginning to make real strides throughout Britain; the movement will probably end by out-cripping all other countries, which have hitherto concentrated on elaborate gas-masking and black-outs.



These A.R.P. trenches in Green Park are being covered with massive slabs of concrete, each weighing about 2 cwt.—a method that has up to now not been widely employed. All over London trenches begun at the time of the Munich crisis have been completed.



Begun in the "Munich" days these air-raid precaution Underground station are now being completed. The original hastily-installed timberwork has been taken out, being replaced with steel arches of approved design. When the work is finished the shelters will be well hidden and it is probable that a small garden will appear above them.



This is South American-born Evelyn Ankers, a charming English girl, who has been chosen to play the lead in the first picture to be produced in the Argentine's first film studio. When this picture was taken Miss Ankers was adopting one of those boat deck poses, so much beloved by press photographers, on board the Almansora as it was about to leave Southampton for Buenos Aires.

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the benefit of our legislators certain factors and a good many of the kind of bitter paradoxes which Voltaire, and even Gilbert, might have enjoyed.

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The poor don't fear poverty; but the rich do—and it's the middle classes that offend by not contributing their just share of babies.

The falling birth-rate in the more prosperous countries—the United States as well as Britain—is certainly connected with the cult of pleasure: too many cinemas, too many radios, too many cars, and too much hedonism generally mean too few babies.

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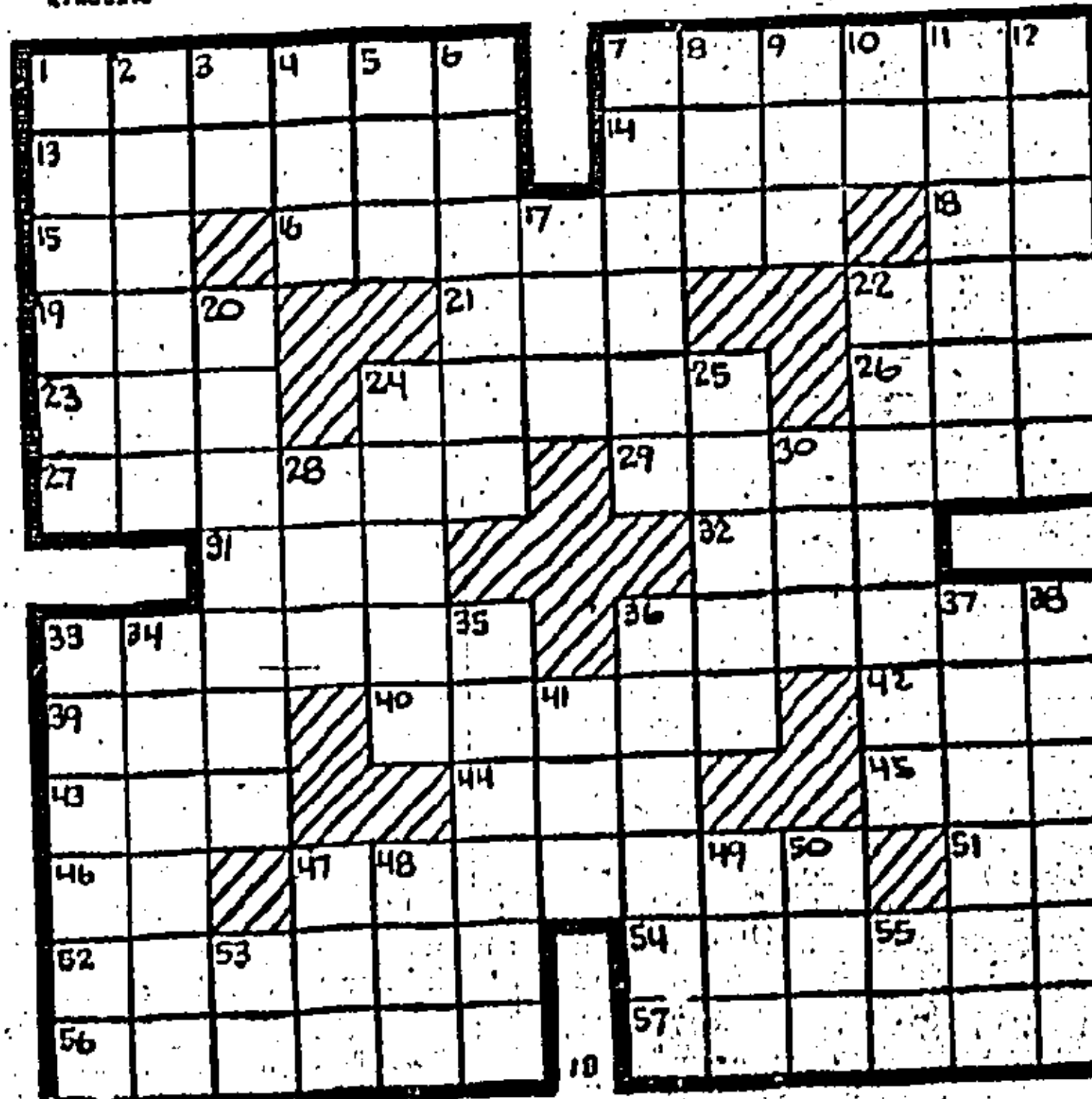
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Permit
- 2—Victory
- 3—Became profound
- 4—Oneness of discrimination
- 5—Prize against
- 6—Put into effect
- 7—Gambling
- 8—National Academy of Design (abbr.)
- 9—This (Latin)
- 10—Japanese admiral
- 11—One hundred centimeters
- 12—On no account
- 13—Shape of piece of pie
- 14—Breed birds
- 15—Draw
- 16—Part of hand
- 17—For
- 18—Paint water
- 19—Illustrated
- 20—Letter of alphabet
- 21—Admirative note
- 22—Add no force
- 23—Western state
- 24—Letter container
- 25—Kitchener
- 26—Title of college graduate

DOWN

- 1—French article
- 2—Providence
- 3—One who traps
- 4—More force
- 5—Old form of water
- 6—Drain (abbr.)
- 7—Weave
- 8—Accomplices
- 9—Picnic meal
- 10—Medical men
- 11—Greeting laugh
- 12—Medieval creature
- 13—Fortune teller
- 14—Fortune teller's residue
- 15—Prevent three
- 16—Fetid
- 17—Writers
- 18—Uses razor
- 19—One of the other
- 20—Male animal
- 21—Green of right
- 22—Male animal
- 23—Having hidden name
- 24—Short poem
- 25—Young C's
- 26—Depart
- 27—Company (abbr.)



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Shows Detective How He Entered Premises

At 2.30 a.m., on March 27, two Chinese detectives were on duty in Hillwood Road when a man ran past them. Police whistles were heard, and the detectives arrested the man, Chiu Man-tai, 20.

Yesterday Chiu was charged with burglary before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Det.-Sergeant T. Matches said that defendant had taken the detectives to house No. 47 and pointed out how he had entered the premises by climbing a drain pipe, breaking a window, and releasing the bolt of a door.

Immediately after entering the house, defendant went to the back door, unlocked it, and placed the key on the outside, so that he could escape and lock the door against any pursuers. In doing this, defendant had made some noise, which awakened the small of the house, and she raised the alarm.

Mr. K. Ludwig was the complainant.

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WAR AFTERMATH

MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID

British Warship Takes Off Italians

MADRID, Mar. 30. THE NEWLY appointed Military Governor Espinosa de los Monteros to-day declared martial law, thereby placing Madrid under the same administration as the remainder of Nationalist Spain.

He has ordered everyone to surrender their arms.

The Nationalists have marched on all the key cities in Republican Spain. It is reported they have captured thousands of prisoners, including the southern army which alone numbers 60,000. The entire Republican General Staff at Tremadure has surrendered.

The Burgos radio to-day announced that Colonel Besteiro has been placed in custody in Valencia.—United Press.

Planes Surrendered

St. Jean de Luz, Mar. 30. An official communiqué issued by General Franco's headquarters at Salamanca to-day stated that 42 Republican aeroplanes surrendered yesterday.

On the Valencia front, nearly 15,000 prisoners had been captured, and two complete brigades and six battalions had surrendered.

In the southern zone, 70,000 prisoners were taken.

Many thousands had been taken prisoner on the Toledo front, and in one sector alone, 10,000 were counted.

Enormous quantities of war materials had been taken over by General Franco's forces.—Reuter.

Italians Succoured

London, Mar. 30. One hundred and sixty Italians, former prisoners of the Republicans, were taken by the British cruiser H.M.S. Sussex to Palma to-day.

Two other British cruisers took aboard 50 political refugees on Wednesday and another 100 to-day. They are being taken to Gandia.

These political refugees were Republicans who fled for political reasons.

Negotiations are now under way regarding the return of 70 British prisoners in the hands of the Nationalists.—Trans-Ocean.

Reprisals?

Madrid, Mar. 30. A decree has been issued ordering public employees in the Madrid province, soldiers who served with the Republic, and persons having knowledge of crimes committed during the Republican regime, to report to the authorities.—Reuter Special.

Valencia Entered

VALENCIA, Mar. 30. Spanish Nationalist troops entered the city at 11 a.m. to-day.

Their Commander, Colonel Aranda, held a full hour's parade from the balcony of the Town Hall while senioritas, clad in vivid regional costumes and lace mantillas, tossed bouquets at the Town Hall steps.—United Press.

U.S. INVESTIGATIONS

Washington, Mar. 30. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has called on the former U.S. Ambassador to Spain to give a secret report regarding the possibility of Spain becoming a satellite of Germany and Italy.

In the near future it also expects to hear Ambassador Johnson's report regarding China.—United Press.

Damage in Valencia

Valencia, Mar. 30. Examination of the damage caused in Valencia since the outbreak of hostilities shows that great devastation was wrought in the district adjoining the harbour by the Nationalist air raids, whereas in the interior of the city, wilful and meaningless destruction was carried out by the Republicans.

All the churches were set on fire and several were completely destroyed, after being plundered.

Of the 16th century cathedral, only the outer walls are still standing.

St. Joan's Church, which attracted many thousands of visitors every

Children's Playground Association

The seventh annual general meeting of the Children's Playgrounds Association will be held at the Chief Justice's Chambers, Supreme Court, 1st Floor, on Thursday, April 6, at 5.15 p.m.

To receive from the Executive Committee the report and statement of accounts for 1938.

To elect a President, Vice-Presidents, and Honorary Treasurer, and an Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year.

To elect the Chairman and other members of the Executive Committee.

To elect an Honorary Auditor.

To transact any other business.

Fighting Continues In Slovakia

BUCHAREST, Mar. 30. Hungarian and Slovak forces to-day continued desultory fighting in east Slovakia.—United Press.

"Reuter" adds that fresh difficulties arose at yesterday's meeting of the Slovak and Hungarian delegates discussing the demarcation of the Slovak-Ruthenian frontier.

The Slovaks put forward a counter-claim for a strip of Hungarian territory in return for the area in Slovakia claimed by Hungary.

This demand was flatly rejected by the Hungarians, whereupon the Slovaks announced they would ask their Government for further instructions.

year, anxious to see its famous frescoes and pictures, has been partially burnt down, as have the churches of St. Catherine and St. Andrew, both dating from the time of Arab domination in Spain.

Extensive damage has been caused to the Arch-Bishop's Palace, and its valuable treasures stolen.

Investigations reveal that during the first months of the civil war, upwards of 30,000 persons were murdered by the Republicans, including all officers of the garrison stationed there. The overwhelming majority of the murders were committed by the so-called "Iron Columns," consisting mainly of convicts released by the Communist civil governor for this purpose.—Trans-Ocean.

Fog Holds Up Plane

Air France Delayed At Fort Bayard

Carrying eight adults and four children, the Air France plane was delayed several hours by fog at Fort Bayard yesterday.

The plane finally landed at Kai Tak airport at 4 p.m., three and a half hours behind schedule.

An additional plane of Imperial Airways landed with two passengers, at 3.30 p.m.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

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For London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 31; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. April 4.

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For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: Pan American Clipper March 3.

For France, via Hanol: Air France 6.30 a.m. April 1.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 1; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 5.

From U.S.A. via Guam, and Manila: Pan American Clipper March 3.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C., Eurasia Service indefinite.

From France, via Hanol: Air France 1 p.m. April 6.

CHARITY BALLS

The Hongkong Women's Soldiers' Relief Association will hold charity balls at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel to-night and to-morrow night.

With charming society girls acting as hostesses, and the following well-balanced programme, entertaining evenings are promised:

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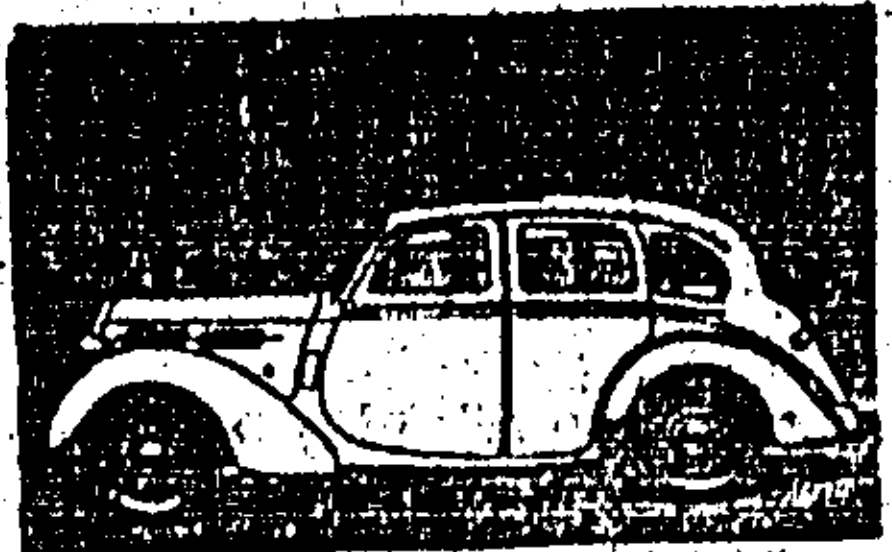
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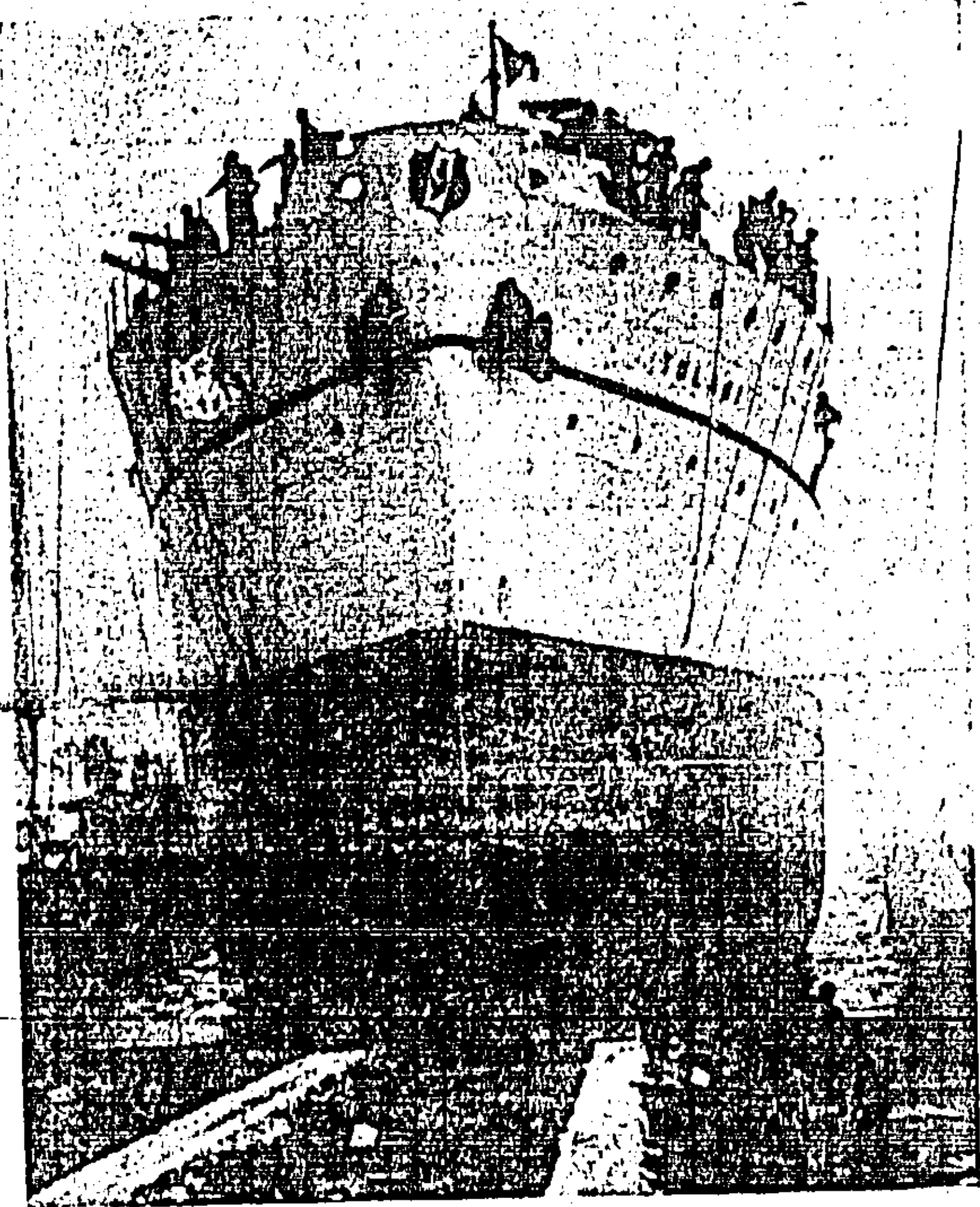
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LONDON, MAR. 31.

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THE MOTORSHIP TULAGI taking to the water yesterday at the Hongkong & Whampoa Docks. The ship was built for Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. for their South Sea Island trade. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. A. Corrihan, wife of Messrs. Burns Philp's superintendent in Hongkong.—Staff Photographer.

Foreign Ambassadors Active In China

SHANGHAI, MAR. 31.

THE LULL on the international diplomatic front in China has apparently been broken with the exacerbation of the European political situation.

Following the arrival of new French and Italian Ambassadors, animated movements of foreign diplomats are reported since several days ago in Shanghai and other parts of China.

Shanghai's diplomatic circles are evincing keen interest in the projected interview between two British Ambassadors here. Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Japan, accompanied by Lady Robert, is arriving here to meet Sir Archibald Kerr, the British Ambassador to China.

Request By Chiang

After his conversations with Sir Robert Craigie, Ambassador Kerr is understood to proceed to Chungking for the second time since the fall of Hankow. Some circles assert that projected visit to Chungking by Ambassador Kerr has been requested by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China, is understood to be accompanying the British Ambassador to Chungking from Hongkong. It is understood that the protection of British rights and interests in China and the proposed assistance to China will form the major subjects for negotiations at Chungking.

The new Italian Ambassador to China, Marquis Francesco Maria Pallani di Marchio, left Shanghai early Tuesday morning aboard an Italian warship on an inspection tour of North China. Local Chinese newspapers featured the rumours that the Marquis would proceed to Chungking.

M. Henry Combe, the new French Ambassador to China, who has been to Chungking to tender his credentials to Chairman Lin, Sen of the

Boat Race From The Air

For the broadcast of the Boat Race to-morrow the B.B.C. have arranged for a Cambridge commentator to be watching from an aeroplane, while an Oxford commentator will be in a launch behind the two boats.

"We so often find it impossible to judge the exact distance between the two boats that we have decided on the aeroplane as the only way out," a B.B.C. official said. Mr. S. J. de Lotbiniere will be in the aeroplane and Mr. John Snagge in the launch.

The Race will be broadcast by Daventry (and relayed by ZBW) at 6.45 p.m. to-morrow.

National Government, is also expected here shortly from Hongkong. He actually left Hongkong by the M. liner Marechal Joffre, which was in a collision at sea yesterday.

Soviet Ambassador

The Soviet Ambassador to China, M. Luganels-Orelsky, left Chungking by aeroplane on March 24 en route to Moscow. After making (Continued on Page 12.)

The Polish Foreign Minister will arrive in London on Monday, reportedly to steadfastly insist that any agreements must be backed by a military pact.

Meanwhile it has been authoritatively stated that Germany has made proposals regarding Danzig, although the Foreign Office here has denied such reports.—United Press.

Cabinet To Confirm Guarantee

LONDON, MAR. 31.

The British Cabinet will meet early this morning to approve the final form of statement which the Prime Minister is expected to make when the House of Commons meets at 11 a.m.

Several of the morning papers state that Britain and France are guaranteeing to assist Poland if attacked.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Prime Minister will issue an ultimatum warning to Germany that Britain will oppose by every means in its power, any further act of aggression.—Reuter.

King Holds Council

LONDON, MAR. 31.

This morning the King held a council at Buckingham Palace, and later gave audience to Lord Baldwin, who returned to London from the continent a week ago, and sails next week for Canada.

In the afternoon the King accompanied by the Queen, visited two big London County Council housing estates in Hackney.—British Wireless.

IMPORTANCE OF VISIT STRESSED

Warsaw, Mar. 30.

Emphasis is placed by the whole of the press to-night on the importance of Colonel Beck's forthcoming visit to London.

Observers discount the rumour that he will stop in Berlin en route to London.

Such an action, it is suggested could only appear to be the result of German pressure to compromise the Government's liberty of action in foreign affairs.

Foreboding that the week ending with Colonel Beck's return from London will be "decisive," the independent newspaper "Wieszczyk Wroclawski" comments: "Poland's position in Europe is of the utmost importance at the moment, and the world is watching the moves." President Ignacy Moscicki had a three-hour conference with the principal Opposition leaders this evening.

It is stated that they discussed internal politics.

Contributions to the internal defence loan, announced earlier in the week, now exceed £1,500,000.—Reuter.

Hitler's Big Speech

Not Expected He Will Denounce Treaty

Berlin, Mar. 30.

The speech by Herr Hitler to be delivered here with more than usual interest.

The Fuehrer will be present at the launching of the second 35,000-ton battleship, which will be christened "Tirpitz," by the daughter of Admiral von Tirpitz.

Herr Hitler will speak at a demonstration in the Town Hall Square in the afternoon after being made an honorary citizen of Wilhelmshaven.

Reports that he will utilize the occasion to denounce the Anglo-German naval treaty are said in well-informed circles to be without foundation. It is regarded as more than likely that he will avoid any mention of Anglo-German relations, since the British policy is at the present time in a state of indecision, the same being true of German-Polish relations.—Trans-Ocean.

CHIANG READY FOR DRIVE

Japanese Fear New Offensive

TOKYO, MAR. 30.

AN IMPENDING large-scale Chinese offensive planned by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on the North China front is reported by the entire Japanese press this evening on the basis of information said to be emanating from a reliable Peiping source.

Chinese troop movements indicate that Chinese counter-attacks will take place from a southerly direction on the various sectors of the Lungtai front, while another counter-push would be directed from Sianfu in south Shansi.

A further attack would be launched from Suiyuan in the Chahar province.

Gain New Resources

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, according to the papers, has at the same time increased guerrilla activity on all fronts. The Marshal intends to revive the fighting spirit of his troops and to strengthen the confidence of third nations in the fighting power of the Chinese army, hoping thereby for new resources from England, France and Soviet-Russia.—Trans-Ocean.

Attack In April

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is planning a general counter-offensive along all China fronts for April, according to information received in well-informed quarters here.

Under the plan reportedly under contemplation by the Chinese military command, the Chinese guerrilla fronts will undergo general reorganization.

Counter-attacks will be launched in the areas of Nanking and Hangchow south of the Yangtze, while large guerrilla forces will be transferred to the south Yangtze front to the north concurrently with the eastward advance of the Chinese forces along the Northwest front through Shensi and Kansu.

New Military Corps

Actions under the latest strategy, according to the information, were started about the middle of March. Chinese forces participating in the reported fresh counter-attacks were understood to belong to newly-organized military corps.

Great significance is attached to the reported Chinese strategy on which the Kuomintang Government is allegedly staking the fate of its military operations.

Three Fronts

According to the newest Chinese strategy, the whole war zone will be divided into three fronts, the Southern, Western and Northern.

Along the southern front, General Yu Hsueh-chung's Army concentrated near Shanghai in south-eastern Honan will be moved north-eastward to engage the Japanese forces in the area northeast of Haichow.

General Shin Lien-chung's Army in southern Honan will be transferred northward and reinforced by General Sun Tung-sun's Army near Chengchow will advance north-eastward. (Continued on Page 12.)



JAPANESE forces have started another drive along the East River area in an attempt to "mop-up" guerrillas south of the River, according to Chinese reports this morning.

Increased activity has also been noticed against junk attempts to cross the Pearl River delta, and several are reported to have been destroyed during the past 72 hours.

It is believed the Japanese are attempting to prevent refugees from the Chungshan area north of Macao from crossing the delta to Hongkong.

China War

Major Battles Raging On Kiangsi Front

TERRIFIC BATTLES are now raging in two northern provinces in China.

In the Poyang Lake and Kan River areas east of the Kiukiang-Nanchang Railway, the two main Japanese forces claim to have effected a juncture 22 miles north-east of Nanchang, the captured Kiangsi capital.

Marine units have occupied Chongshu, while detachments of Army troops are thrusting southward along the shore of Poyang Lake after crossing a tributary of the Kan River 25 miles south of Wuchang.

Following the fall of Wuning, the Japanese claim that their own and the Chinese troops are now converging for another major battle for possession of Shuihui, about 40 miles above Wuning.

The Chinese defence lines connecting Houchiehien, Chahoyao and Makushan are, however, still intact.

Drive On Changsha

The main Japanese Army is pushing westward with the obvious intention of launching a drive on Changsha, and Kaonan, about 40 miles south-west of Nanchang, is stated to be a material and immediate objective. Towards the town have, however, been easily repulsed.

The Japanese are threatening the town from the north, the east, and the west.

Early yesterday morning, says "Central News," several hundred Japanese attacked the Chinese positions about 13 miles north of the town, and are alleged to have used poison gas. The attack was repulsed.

Fenghsien Recaptured

A field communique issued by the Chinese forces this morning claimed the recapture of Fenghsien, 23 miles west of Nanchang.

The Chinese counter-attack was carried out in heavy rain, under a withering fire from the Japanese.

Fighting for re-possession of the town lasted over six hours.

The Japanese column, moving westward with Changsha as the objective, is held north-east of Kaonan, the Chinese report claims.

Although Wuning and Nanchang are now definitely in Japanese hands, heavy fighting is still raging on the outskirts of the two razed Kiangsi cities.

Heavy Casualties

Heavy casualties have been suffered by both Chinese and Japanese in the continuous battle that has raged during the past ten days for possession of Wuning.

The major fighting is now taking place on the heights a few miles north-east of the city, which once boasted a population of 70,000 but has now completely disappeared.

Chinese attempts to bring up reinforcements are being considerably impeded by Japanese artillery and air force. Japanese planes are continually bombing and machine-gunning the Chinese lines of communications.

About fifty Japanese warships have now entered Lake Poyang from the Yangtze River. The majority of them are anchored off Wuchang, at the mouth of the Siu River, which flows into the lake.

Shansi Offensive

The Yellow River delta in south-western Shansi is also the scene of preliminary battles which will definitely lead up to a major conflict on a wide front.

The Japanese are gradually lengthening their lines in an effort to outflank about 30,000 Chinese troops entrenched around the Chung-liao Mountain range.

Taking the Japanese completely unaware, the Fourth Group Army under General Sun Wei-ju has secretly reached the other side of the Yellow River and had begun to (Continued on Page 4.)

GERMANY'S "URGENT" PROBLEMS Million Minority Living In Poland

"THE GERMAN" Polish minority declaration of November 5, 1937 has unfortunately so far been inadequate in fulfilling all wishes," declared the Reich Minister of the Interior, Dr. Wilhelm Frick this evening at a reception to the diplomatic corps and the foreign press.

"A number of urgent problems still remains to be solved," he added.

He referred to the situation of 1,000,000 Germans living in Poland, and said that the Reich Government also desired the improvement of conditions under which 850,000 Germans in Hungary are living, but it might be assumed that the friendly State of Hungary would take measures as soon as possible to satisfy the just demands of the German minority.

Vital Rights

After touching upon the forthcoming German census, Dr. Frick said that the ideal of coinciding language and political frontiers will never be reached.

"This fact makes it all the more necessary for foreign groups to be granted natural and vital rights. It is entirely possible for one to be true to his nationality and at the same time a conscientious citizen of a State governed by another nationality.

"With the idea of nationhood occupying the important place it does in the German State and Party, it is natural that we should maintain an appropriate attitude towards non-German groups living in the Reich.

Non-German Groups

"The Fuehrer has expressed this view in several agreements, and has rejected the idea of Germanizing non-Germans."

Dr. Frick said that every non-German group could be fundamentally certain that it would be allowed to develop in a normal manner. Czech schools exist in the Sudeten region for Czechs, and particularly favourable conditions prevail as regards the Polish minority in Germany, which possesses 92 primary and two higher schools in which Polish is used as the language of instruction.—Trans-Ocean.

Politics Help Stock Market

The good reception to M. Daladier's speech, together with the decision to increase the territorial army, caused the Stock Exchange markets to open more cheerfully to-day, with prices generally higher.

But the absence of any important buying resulted in a part of the early gains being lost, though final prices in most of the sections were slightly higher on the day.

The foreign exchanges were quiet and featureless apart from the Swiss franc which eased sharply following the action of the Swiss authorities in lowering the peg at which the franc was held in terms of dollars.

Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter Special.

National Service Issue

Conscription Looms In Britain

LONDON, MAR. 30.

THE POSSIBILITY of the introduction of conscription has given rise to growing anxiety in Left-Wing quarters.

This evening the "Non-Conscription League" held a meeting at Westminster. The meeting was convoked by Mr. James Maxton and others.

A resolution was adopted which casts grave doubt on the frequent assurances recently made that conscription was not planned, and announces that the Trade Union and Labour Party would offer the strongest opposition to the introduction of conscription, even if only partial conscription was envisaged, since in any form, conscription meant a threat to the freedom of the working class.

In conclusion, the resolution forecasts a great campaign against the introduction of conscription, and announces the dates for meetings of protest in Leeds, Cardiff, Manchester and Dundee.—Trans-Ocean.

LATEST

COLLISION PASSENGERS TELL OF FOG DRAMA

The Marechal Joffre is now in dock.

Passengers aboard the Marechal Joffre told a graphic story of the collision when interviewed by "Telegraph" reporters this afternoon.

"The Canton looked out of the fog so suddenly that a collision was inevitable," one passenger said.

"During the whole affair, from the time the British ship loomed out of the fog until our entry into Hongkong harbour," we have seen the Canton for only three minutes.

"It was when she was struck amidships by the Marechal Joffre, until we backed away out of sight into the mist again."

"The fog was so dense that visibility was only a hundred feet."

—Captain Fingelsen, a Norwegian passenger who was en route to Shanghai, said: "Passengers and members of the crew were thrown off their feet by the shock of the collision. Some received abrasions."

"We did not see the Canton after the collision. The Marechal Joffre backed away, and the two ships then steamed slowly to Hongkong, within a few miles of each other, both invisible owing to the fog, but keeping contact by radio."

Another passenger revealed that the Marechal Joffre's lifeboats were manned in case the blow to the Canton was mortal. Five minutes after the collision the Canton radiocast out of the inky darkness that she was in no danger.

"The bows of the Marechal Joffre are badly buckled and there is a gaping hole below the waterline on the port bow. The forward bulkheads, however, prevented any inflow of water."

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Mother Pleads For Son

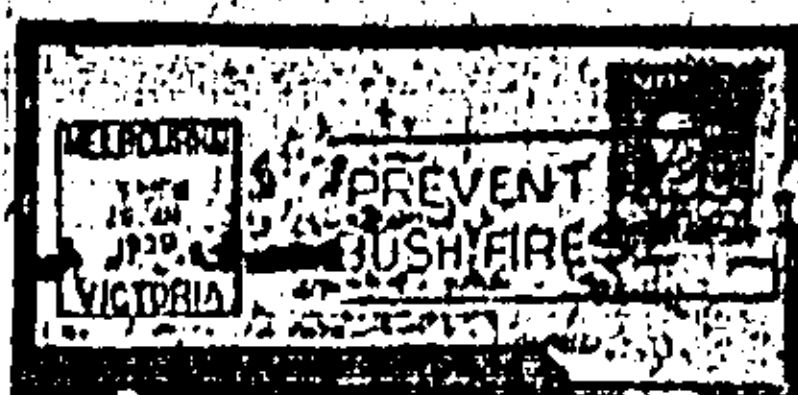
Pays Four Dollars To "Boy's" Victim

A TREMBLING old woman appeared at the Central Magistrate's court this morning to plead for her son's freedom.

The son, a 24-year-old house-boy named Li Chuen, had been charged with the theft of \$10 from his master, Mr. D. W. Hume, of "Woodside," Mount Parker Road, Quarry Bay.

The "boy's" mother told the Magistrate, Mr. T. J. Houston, that she was willing to pay \$4 compensation to Mr. Hume.

Li was bound over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for twelve months.



This came to the Hongkong Telegraph yesterday and so did this:

Sydney, Mar. 30. The rainfall which ended the drought has developed into the best inland storm since December, 1930. Falls have now reached six inches in the drought-stricken Riverina district.

Mr. Lyons, Federal Prime Minister, to-night expressed the opinion that there had been a definite ending of the drought in South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. This will add millions to the national income.

German Barter With China \$10,000,000 Pact Reported Signed

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30. Informed circles stated that Sino-German relations turned favourable in recent weeks on conclusion of a barter agreement whereby China and Germany are exchanging goods valued at 10 million yuan for special materials and manufactured products.

These circles said that Herr Von Lohow, a German servant as adviser to the Ministry of Communications, played an active role in improving Sino-German relations, particularly economic. They said Von Lohow made a brief trip to Berlin from Chungking by air and returned early in March in connection with the barter deal.—United Press.

Fighting Continues In Slovakia

BUCHAREST, Mar. 30. Hungarian and Slovak forces today continued desultory fighting in east Slovakia.—United Press.

"Reuter" adds that fresh difficulties arose at yesterday's meeting of the Slovak and Hungarian delegates discussing the demarcation of the Slovak-Ruthenian frontier.

The Slovaks put forward a counter-claim for a strip of Hungarian territory in return for the area in Slovakia claimed by Hungary.

This demand was flatly rejected by the Hungarians, whereupon the Slovaks announced they would ask their Government for further instructions.

"THE AXIS MIGHT NOT BEAR THE STRAIN" "DANGER," SAYS MUSSOLINI AS GERMAN TROOPS MOVE

ROME, Mar. 30.

"ITALY DOES not intend to remain a prisoner in the Mediterranean" was Signor Mussolini's only comment on international affairs when speaking to-day at Cosenza Calabria.

He said that Italians at present were more perturbed by the relations between Germany and Poland than by M. Daladier's speech.

Those Italians who were not wholly Fascists, and not wholly in favour of the Rome-Berlin axis, think the danger point for Europe is Poland.

"If Germany shows resentment at Warsaw's refusal of its suggestions and her troops march, then many Italians declare that the axis might not bear the strain."—Reuter.

Mussolini Adamant Cosenza, Mar. 30. Signor Mussolini, accompanied by his secretary, Signor Achille Starace, arrived here at dawn to-day.

Signor Mussolini is staying at the Calabria Hotel. A crowd of 15,000 greeted his train at Paola station with shouts of "Long Live National Spirit! Il Duce, founder of the Empire!"

Mussolini and his party halted for only a few minutes at Paola station to enable the local authorities to pay their respects, after which they continued to the town of Delmonio, where Il Duce alighted.

Later a cheering crowd in Victor Square heard what is regarded as a reference to France's attitude. They heard Mussolini, with pounding fist, say, "Facts or no diplomatic pacts, we will never resign ourselves to remaining prisoners in the Mediterranean."

He said the claim for special concessions regarding the Suez Canal must be satisfied.

Referring to the "defeat of Bolshevism in Spain" and praising Italian collaboration therein, Mussolini said Italy is ready to stand for her claims.

"Speeches are only words if they are not accompanied by facts," he declared.

Before his departure from Rome last night, 250,000 men of classes numbers 18 and 19 were reporting for duty.

"We Can Wait" Commenting on M. Daladier's speech, Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" says: "The French have definitely shown they want to slam the door we left open, but Italy is not impatient, and she can wait."—United Press.

Answered By Two Voices

NEW YORK, Mar. 30. THE GOVERNMENTS of the "Axis" Powers cannot fail to note that two replies have been made instead of one to Signor Mussolini's speech.

"M. Daladier broadcast a message he was scheduled to deliver, but another voice spoke unexpectedly across the English Channel.

"There can be no doubt that Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the strength of the territorial army is to be doubled was timed to warn Italy against any resort to force in an attempt to achieve still undefined purposes in the Mediterranean area."—Reuter Special.

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8 p.m.	71.0 97
10 p.m.	70.7 95
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4 a.m.	69.2 99
6 a.m.	68.0 100
8 a.m.	69.6 99
9 a.m.	70.4 97
10 a.m.	71.3 94

Hongkong need expect no relief yet. The official forecast at ten o'clock this morning predicted a continuance of present conditions. Local fog or mist will also persist.

LONDON, Mar. 30. RELIABLE SOURCES here state that the British Government has received reports of new German troop movements in the vicinity of the Polish frontier.

It is not certain whether these reports were discussed at to-day's Cabinet meeting. However, the Polish Minister visited the British Foreign Office this afternoon.

It is understood that the announcement regarding the increase in British army strength is coincident with new proposals to Poland for military co-operation against German aggression.

To-day's Cabinet meeting was an emergency session to consider the situation.

Poland's Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck is due on an official visit to London on Monday next, and it is believed that he will discuss a firm military understanding with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

Diplomatic circles here interpret the increased military strength as an admonition to Germany and an implication of assurance to Poland.—United Press.

Italian Mobilisation

ROME, Mar. 30. Italy has called a quarter of a million of reservists to the colours. Tension Won't Ease

Washington, Mar. 30. It is understood that diplomatic and other information reaching the Government suggests that the tension in Europe is likely to be maintained in the near future.

The Totalitarian States are credited with the intention of forcing upon the democracies "another Munich". The Government therefore hopes to help to secure "peace without surrender" by a decisive relaxation of the Neutrality Act next week.—Reuter.

Demonstrations

Berlin, Mar. 30. Further anti-German demonstrations are reported from Poland. The German News Agency states that anti-German riots in Upper Silesia have increased in number lately.

It is alleged that Poles marched into a restaurant and molested Germans, knocking one down with chairs, who despite threats continued to speak in German.—Reuter.

Labour Calls For Guarantees

London, Mar. 30. A declaration issued by the Federation of International Labour calls upon the governments of Britain, France, Russia and Poland immediately to enter mutual guarantees for full and unqualified support in the event of a German attack. (Continued on Page 4.)

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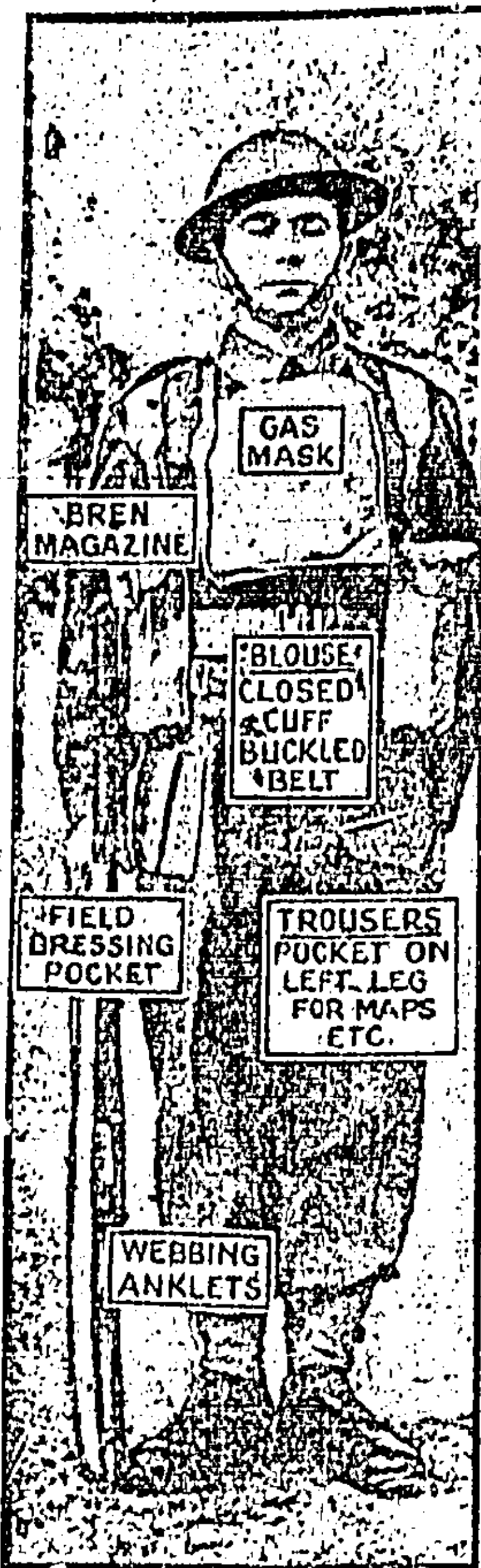
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GERMANY'S FINANCE PLAN THEN — AND — NOW



British Tommies in Hongkong, in line with the rest of the army, are to have new lighter and more comfortable battle dress issued in the spring. The above picture shows the 1917 style, and opposite the new fashion, which has already been tried out in Hongkong.



Union Church Whist Drive

A whist drive was held in the Kowloon Union Church hall last evening under the auspices of the Women's Guild, when 12 tables were occupied, and Mr. A. Morton was the M. C.

Prize winners were: Ladies, 1. Mrs. Frazer, 2. Mrs. Thomson, Consolation, Mrs. Matthews. Gentlemen, 1. Mr. Rowe, 2. Mrs. Moss (playing as gentleman), Consolation, Mr. Curtis.

Rosemary Lane, star of Warner Bros. Pictures, appearing in "Four Daughters"



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WILL PURSUE POLICY DESPITE CRITICISM

BERLIN, Mar. 30.
HERR WALTER FUNK, Reich Minister of Economy, addressing the central committee of the Reichsbank to-day, dealt with the new finance plan, as well as with recent foreign criticism of German methods in the domain of international economic relations.

According to the speaker, the criticism of German methods was attributable to their success. All the proposals for the restoration of normal economic relations between the nations must be based on the introduction of new methods, since the foundations of world economy have changed, and the newly strengthened national States declined to be shackled by "international gold automaticity" or international indebtedness.

Minister Funk described Germany as being to-day the "greatest industrial country in the world in uniform space," and expressed the opinion that close political and intellectual relations between Germany and Italy must lead to intensification of their economic co-operation.

EPOCH-MAKING AGREEMENT
The speaker referred to the German-Rumanian treaty of commerce as an "epoch-making economic agreement," and stressed that there could be no question of "silver bullets" or of political loans with unconscionable rates of interest, or of exchange restrictions. Thanks to the treaty the "natural economic energies of both countries will be mobilised and methodically applied with a view to common achievement."

Germany, with her directed economy safeguarded against a crisis, was in a position to guarantee her Rumanian partner exchange of goods at fixed prices for a long period, without seeking to acquire a monopoly.

The speaker continued to say that negotiations with England and France, with the aim of developing trading relations had been interrupted in consequence of the latest political events in Central Europe, but in the speaker's view, now that a new order had been established in Central Europe, the necessity for continuing those negotiations was greater than ever.

The speaker voiced the hope that sequestration by the British Government of funds belonging to a "country which had been placed under the protectorate of the German Reich," would only be temporary, and added that in Germany's opinion, private property should be internationally respected.

STATE'S GUARANTEE
Turning to the re-organisation of the Reichsbank, Minister Funk observed that those shares of the bank which were now abroad would be repatriated and their foreign owners "honourably indemnified." In future, Reichsbank shares would not be securities in the usual stock exchange meaning of the word. Questions of capital and dividends would be settled on the basis of a new bank law at the next general meeting of the Reichsbank, which would probably be held in May.

The speaker emphasised that it was not the bank, but the Government alone which would be responsible for currency. The economy of the country was primary, whereas currency was only a secondary factor. The stability of currency depended on the stability of wages and prices, and this would be ensured by the State.

Discussing the financial methods of the past few years, the speaker said that those methods had erred by

too heavily encumbering the present in order to provide means for the carrying out by the State of gigantic tasks, the profitability of which could be fully perceptible only in the future.

The object of the new finance plan was firstly to place as far as possible the burden on the future, secondly to diminish the load of interest weighing on the State, and thirdly to re-open the money market to private borrowers.

Minister Funk concluded saying that Germany would continue to pursue her financial policy as laid down in the new plan "regardless of the malignant and uniform criticism in foreign countries." — *Trans-Ocean.*

JAPANESE HEAVILY DEFEATED

SHEKKI, Mar. 31.
FOLLOWING the arrival of General Chang Fat-kwei's Kwangsi troops, the Japanese suffered heavy losses in the vicinity of Kongmoon, and retired yesterday evening.

It is reported that the Japanese have re-occupied Yungki and Kweichow. — *Reuter.*

1,000 CASUALTIES

March, Mar. 31.
The Chinese report the expulsion of the Japanese from Pukai, claiming that the Japanese suffered 1,000 killed and wounded.

The Japanese re-occupied Yungki and Kweichow, but the districts of Chungshan and Sunwei have been entirely freed of Japanese. — *Our Own Correspondent.*

Films For British Blue Jackets

London, Mar. 30.
The Royal Naval Film Corporation which has been constituted to organise provision on board H.M. ships of film programmes for the lower deck, will be inaugurated next Tuesday evening by the Duke of Kent at Portsmouth.

The First Lord and members of the Board of the Admiralty will be present.

Leading representatives of film distributors, the press, and the ship-building industry, who have materially assisted the corporation, will be entertained to dinner by the Commander-in-Chief at the Portsmouth Royal Naval Barracks.

After the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet will entertain a party on board H.M.S. Ark Royal when a cinema programme will be shown. — *British Wireless.*

Charity Ball

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in aid of

The Relief Work

Place:— Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden

Time:— March 31st 1939 — 8 p.m. — 1 a.m.

April 1st 1939 — 8 p.m. — 1 a.m.

Supper will be served at 10 p.m.

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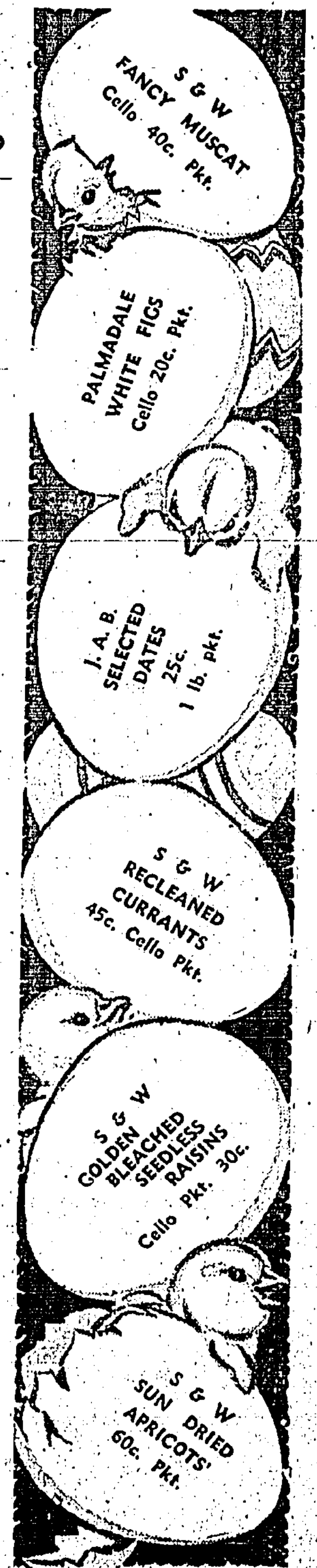
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Warner Bros. Film Delayed

The local office of Warner Bros. regret to announce that through unavoidable circumstances the showing of their picture "The Adventures of Robin Hood" has to be postponed to a later date.

It was originally set for exhibition simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra, starting on March 31 and April 1, respectively.

Unfortunately, one copy of the picture is carried by the "Shantung," which was scheduled to arrive on March 28, but has been delayed and is not expected in until about April 3. The other copy is on the M/V Canton the arrival of which is also delayed.

Franco-Rumanian Trade Pact

Paris, Mar. 30. A new commercial agreement between France and Rumania is being signed this evening. Under this, France doubles her purchases of Rumanian petrol and reduces customs duties on Rumania's agricultural products.—Reuter.

British Trade

Heisingers, Mar. 30. The advantage of small nations trading with Britain was emphasised by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, when he addressed the Finnish Chamber of Commerce to-day. Mr. Hudson is now having conversations here following visits to Warsaw and Moscow. Despite the year's unemployment, Britain's present industrial output was greater than in the boom year of 1929, Mr. Hudson declared.—Reuter Special.

CLIPPER EN ROUTE

HONOLULU, Mar. 30.—The California Clipper arrived here on her maiden trip to Hongkong. She was greeted by cheering crowds.—Reuter. The California Clipper is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on April 5 and will depart on the following day for San Francisco.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR FOR CHUNGKING

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31.—Chinese reports from Chungking state that the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, is going to Chungking in mid April.—United Press.

Thief Returns Tyre

RICHESVILLE, O. A disappointed thief stole a worn-out spare tyre from Mayor J. W. Lytle's automobile, then returned it when he discovered that even he could not use it. The mayor recommended police for permitting the thief to return it.

Flowers Are Canned

MELBOURNE, Australia. Australian botanists say it with flowers and how. Dr. J. S. Turner, professor of botany at the University of Melbourne, has perfected a system for canning flowers with which "swains" can express their tenderest sentiments.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

MAJOR BATTLES RAGING ON KIANGSI FRONT

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concentrate in the delta area bounded by Yuncheng, on the Tating-Puchow Railway and Pinglu and Jui-cheng, on the north bank of the river.

Szechuan Troops

These Chinese forces include the 117th and 177th Divisions and the 46th and 47th Independent Brigades of the Shensi Army. In addition General Sun has under his command the 104th and 178th divisions of the Szechuan Army and the Eighth Division of the Central Army.

The war zone in Shansi has quickened as the Japanese have prepared to meet the menace of this unexpected diversion of Chinese forces.

The Japanese, according to "Central News" have divided into two columns, one of which is pushing from Hsinhsien and the other from Chungking.

The Japanese are supporting their flanking movements with increasing use of aircraft. In Ankwai, the Chinese have launched a new attack on Kweichow, where furious fighting has been raging since yesterday.

Steamer Loses Propeller Blade

The Messageries Maritimes liner Yangtze arrived in port from Shanghai yesterday afternoon with one of her propeller blades missing.

The loss of the blade was discovered on Tuesday, when the ship was about 200 miles from Hongkong. The ship, which was forebound at Wagon yesterday morning, is now unloading cargo at the Kowloon wharves, and will enter Tientsin Dock as soon as this is completed.

Mr. B. E. Sugars, Government Stores Department, has reported to the Police the loss of a mechanical pump from his car parked in Pedder Street yesterday.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shui-poi, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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AIR MAIL DELAYED

The week-end air mail has been delayed a day, and is not expected at Kai Tak until 5 p.m. on Sunday. The following passengers left by Imperial Airways plane to-day: Mr. Marindas for Calcutta and Mrs. Chu for Hanoi.

A handbag containing \$54 in money, the property of Miss E. Amos, of 2 Embankment Road, was stolen from the counter while she was shopping in the China Products Company yesterday.

A three-year-old boy, Morton Hutton, was bitten on the face while playing with a dog at Jubilee Buildings, yesterday. He was treated at the Military Hospital.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:
STOCKS: February farm equipment exports were 41 per cent. under those for the corresponding month of last year.

An agreement between France and Rumania for doubling oil imports and reducing French agricultural tariffs has been initiated.

Swiss francs declined on nervousness, resulting in the removal of gold from the arena near the German border.

Herr Hitler has empowered the Minister of Economics to prohibit exports and imports of any type of goods. The President of the Reichsbank has urged the resumption of German, British and French trade talks.

Barron's Index has advanced slightly. Sears, Roebuck's March sales touched a record high mark.

March building awards were 40 per cent. over the same month of last year.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938
Sperry Corporation Yr. 31/12 \$2.40
American Rolling Mill Yr. 31/12 \$1,300,000 LOSS
The United Fruit Corporation's first-quarter earnings are approximately the same as the corresponding quarter of 1938.

COTTON: The Senators from the cotton-growing States are ignoring President Roosevelt's request for export subsidy and favour the plan to subsidize the domestic market.

GRAINS: The wheat market was firm on war threat. South Africa expects a record corn crop.

LONDON AVERAGES: MARCH 29 MARCH 30
Industrial average 66.2 66.2
Rails average 54.9 55.2
These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

"DANGER," SAYS MUSSOLINI AS GERMAN TROOPS MOVE

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the event of further aggressions by Italy and Germany.—Reuter.

Exaggerated

Berlin, Mar. 30. Rumours of German demands and ultimatums to Poland are certainly exaggerated "Reuter" learns from well-informed sources. That certain suggestions or approaches have been made to Poland are not officially denied, but all talk of Warsaw being asked to subscribe to the anti-Comintern pact appears to be premature.

Even the question of a motor road through the Corridor is not being pressed by Germany, it is stated. It is understood that Colonel Beck is not expected to leave his train en route to London.—Reuter.

CHIEF OF STAFF IN FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 30.

Viscount Gort, the British Chief of Staff, was shown over the stronger sections of the Maginot Line and the interior of the fortifications of Metz this morning.

Viscount Gort closely inspected the entrenchment system and the measures taken for protection against a gas attack.—Reuter.

Jewish Fears

Berlin, Mar. 30.

The Jews are doing their utmost to leave Danzig, fearful of Germany's plans to occupy the Free State. British decision to double the territorial army is being branded as "an anti-German measure," with the "Doersen Zeitung" stressing that it will not affect the solidity of the Reich-Berlin axis.

The French Premier's Wednesday speech has been ignored.—United Press.

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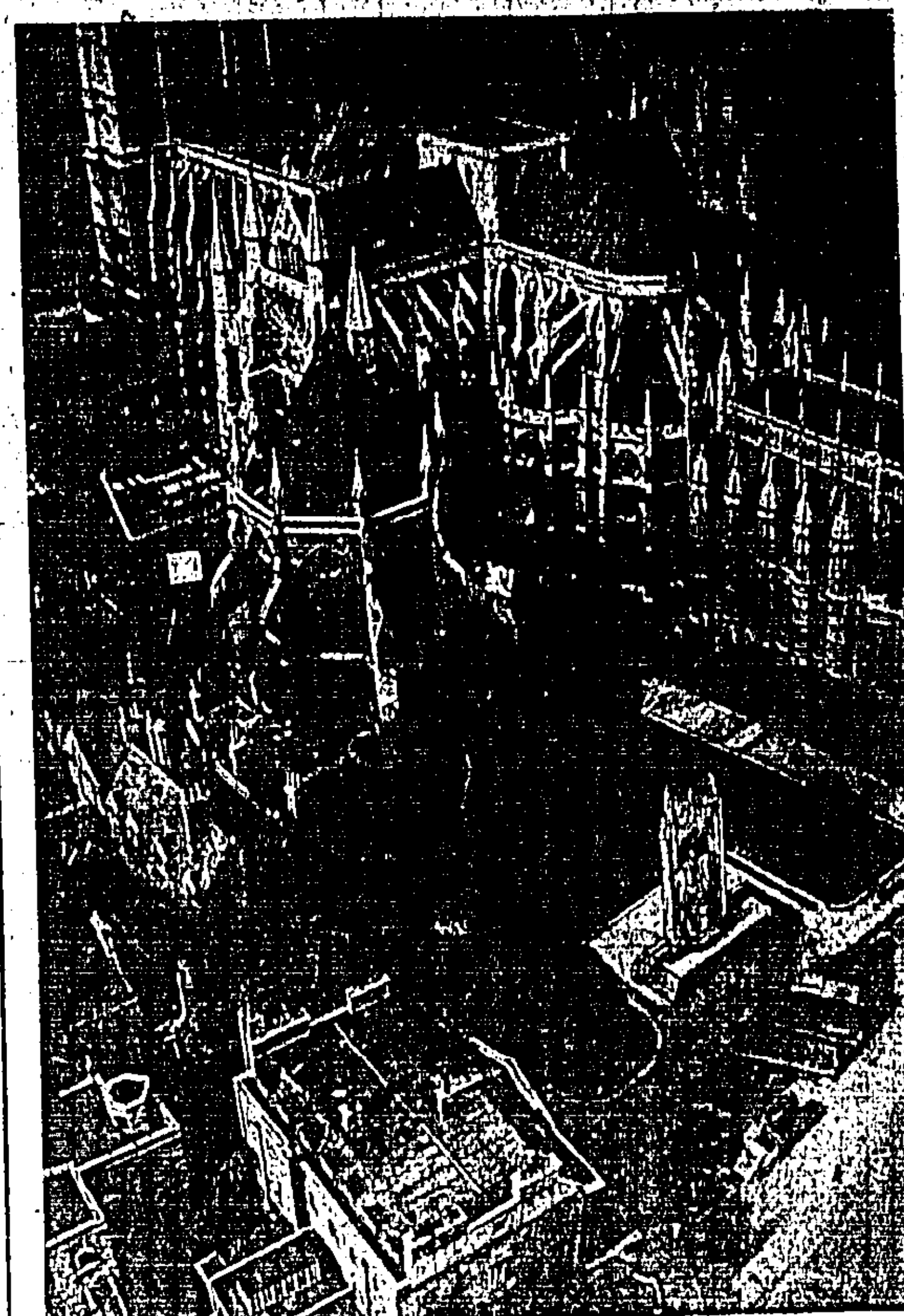
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DIVERGENT OPINIONS have been forthcoming with regard to the proposed memorial of his late Majesty King George V, a representation of which is shown in this composite picture on the selected site behind the Abbey. Both the "fretful Gothic" of the narrow screen and the crushing weight of the robes worn by the Royal figure, to be carried out in unweathering marble, have elicited up to such criticism that Lord Macmillan, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, has suggested that the matter be referred back for consideration.

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6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Sweet and Slow; (b) Skronch; (c) You're not the kind; (d) Avalon.

6.14 Record: Serenade In The Night (Kennedy); I'll sing You A Thousand Love Songs (John Cain and Mabel); Marc Henri (The Rousing Troubadour) with Orchestra.

6.21 (a) Love is where you find it; (b) Carry me back to Old Virginia; (c) To-night will live; (d) Shalagans.

6.35 Records: If We Never Meet Again—Slow Fox-Trot; Old Fashioned Love—Quickstep; Cherry Moore (Piano); Night On The Water (Nichols and Clarke); Layton and Johnstone (American Duetists) with Piano.

6.45 London Relay—"Under Big Ben".

By Howard Marshall. 7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Hildegard (Vocal) and The Hill Billies.

Covered Wagon Lullaby (Freeman and Leonard); The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine (from the film); The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment; Believe In Miracles (Wendling and Meyer); Listen To The German Band (Gordon and Revel); Hildegard (Vocal) with Orchestra; Susanne From Alabama (Ted and Ezra); The Hill Billies with Novelty Accompaniment; Fritz (Hart and Bilgh); The Scene Changes (Billy Hill); Hildegard (Vocal) with Orchestra; Take Ma Boots Off.

8.00 Time—Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Claire Harlie (Violin) and Molly O'Halloran (Piano) continued.

4. German Waltz (Schroder); Ich Tanz mit Dir In Den Himmel Hinein; German Tango (Emil Paem); Regentropfen.

8.15 London Relay—"Your Programme from Daventry".

A talk by the Empire Service Director.

8.30 Studio—Light Song Recital by Jack Gresham.

9.00 London Relay—"Food for Thought".

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Next week's programme.

9.30 London Relay—"The News".

9.50 Feathered Symphony No. 9 In D Minor, Op. 125 ("Choral").

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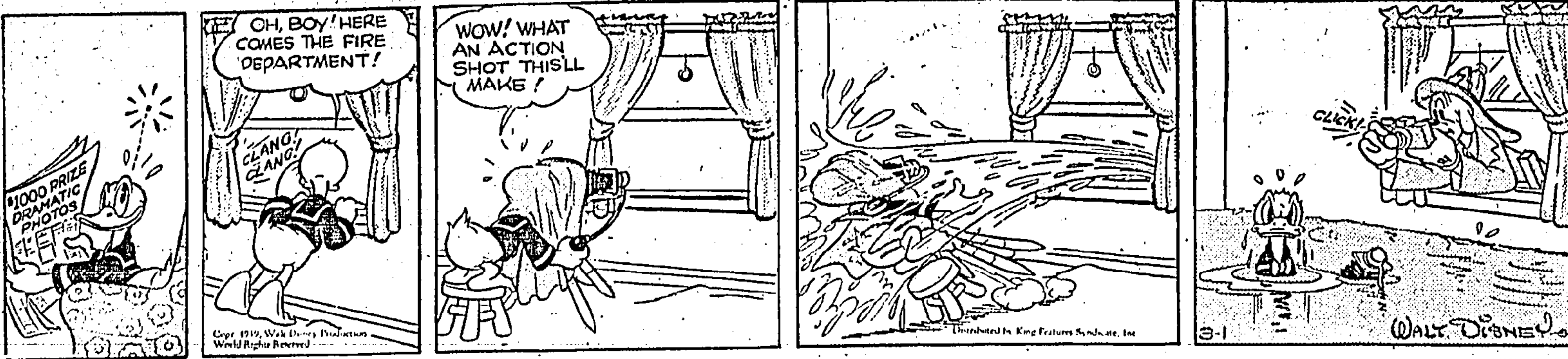
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Shanghai and Swatow	Yochow	March 31.
Shanghai	Ixion	April 1.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	April 1.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tainan	April 1.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Friday		
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Potsdam	Fri., Mar. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Al Mail for Indo-China, Iran and Air France Plane	K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Reg.	Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 31, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 31, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and M/V Canton	K.P.O. and G.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 31.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 28th April	Parcels	Mar. 31, 8 p.m.
	Reg.	April 1, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	April 1, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Nankin	K.P.O. and G.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 31.
Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 18th April	Parcels	Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	April 1, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	April 1, 9.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Sandakan	Mauyang	Sat., April 1, 8.30 a.m.

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Further Evidence On Allegation Of Forged Cable To Shipping Co.

FURTHER DISCLOSURES relating to the alleged sending of a forged cable from the Kobe office of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. were made at the Supreme Court this morning, when hearing of the insurance claim against the China Underwriters, Ltd. was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The cable concerned the date of sailing of the s.s. Tilawa from Japan in September, 1937. The managing partner of the plaintiff firm, Wong Yung-tong stated at the previous hearing that it was sent from the office of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie, which was denied.

Plaintiffs are the Cheong Hong and the claim is for \$50,000.23 as the rateable proportion to be borne by defendants in the loss of marine products and seafoods in a fire in plaintiffs' godowns, in January, 1938.

The defence is that 127 of the 137 items claimed are fraudulent, and benefits under the policy are, therefore, forfeited. It is further alleged that the price of some of the goods had been charged higher than the market price, and that the weight and price book had been altered.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara appear for the plaintiff firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co. Defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marlon, of Deacons.

Definitely Not Sent

Mr. D'Almada said that since the last hearing a cable had been sent by Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. of Hongkong to their office in Kobe, asking them to explain fully the nature of the inquiries that had been instituted to prove that the telegram in question was not sent by any member of the staff.

Two cables were received in reply and these said that the telegram was definitely not sent by any member of the staff, European or otherwise, nor with their authority.

They also pointed out that the telegram was on a form not used by the office and that the name Mackinnon, Mackenzie was in the body of the draft and not at the foot as signature.

"IT IS MOST MYSTERIOUS" arising out of the exchange of these cables, which were recalled and asked by Counsel. If the facts in the cables are to be believed, they disposed of your suggestion that a Chinese member of Mackinnon, Mackenzie sent the telegram?—If it

was not by a European, it must be by a Chinese.

Assuming no Chinese sent it, who could you suggest?—If that is the case, it is most mysterious.

Further questioned, Wong denied Counsel's suggestion that it was his own firm in Kobe which had sent the cable; they would not be so foolish as to use another person's name, he said. It must have been sent by a

freight canvasser employed by Mackinnon, Mackenzie, who obtained business from his firm.

Mr. Potter said that he had also sent a cable to the plaintiff office in Kobe, asking them to find out who sent the telegram and to interview the manager of Mackinnon, Mackenzie about it.

No reply had yet been received. The case is proceeding.

POLICE CLEAR UP DARING SHIP THEFT

QUICK WORK by the police led to the downfall of an audacious thief yesterday.

The man, Ip, Pook, was arrested a few hours after he coolly crept into a cabin aboard the s.s. Seleni, lying alongside the Taikoo Docks, and stole a watch and chain, a pair of spectacles and a suit of clothes.

The cabin was occupied at the time of the theft by the owner of the articles, Mr. G. A. Blas. Mr. Blas, however, was asleep in his bunk. The thief entered the cabin without waking the sleeping man, and coolly gathered his loot.

Police arrested him in the city after receiving information that the suit had been pawned.

The watch and spectacles, together with the pawn ticket, were recovered from Ip's pocket.

He appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning and was charged with larceny and illegal pawning. He received concurrent sentences of three and one months' imprisonment. It was discovered after his arrest that Ip had been previously deported from the Colony. He was sentenced to a further nine months' hard labour for a breach of his deportation order.

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Dec.	7.58/58	7.52/52
Jan.	7.59/59	7.53/53
Mar.	7.67/59	7.61/51
Spot		8.00/00
New York Rubber		
May	16.02/05a	15.90/87
Sept.	16.05/05	15.97/87
Dec.	16.05/12a	15.87/89a
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May	07 1/2/07 1/2	08/08
July	07 1/2/07 1/2	07 1/4/08
Sept.		08 1/2/08 1/2
Wednesday's Sales:—3,487,000 bushels.		
Chicago Corn		
May	47 1/2/47 1/2	47 3/4/47 3/4
July	49 3/4/49 3/4	49 1/2/49 1/2
Sept.	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 3/4/50 3/4
Winnipeg Wheat		
May	00 1/2/00 1/2	00 3/4/00 3/4
July	01/00 1/2	01 1/4/01 1/4
Oct.		02 1/4/02 1/4

"DOOMSDAY BOOK"

Police Denial of Organised Watch on Europeans

The police yesterday issued a denial of the story published a few days ago that they had obtained from an arrested man a list of European residents in Kowloon, whom a gang of men was planning to rob. The police state that no such document has come into their possession.

NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

EVERY day you learn something from the news. Here are a few things upon which recent messages shed light:—
Question.—How many women work for their living in Germany where "the woman's place is in the home?"

Answer.—Eleven and a half million. Of these about 5,000,000 have full time employment in manual trades.
Q.—Do women do men's work?
A.—Yes. The official Labour Front report which gives the above figures reveals also that German women work in coal and metal mining and in stone and gravel quarries.

Q.—Which foreign ruler practised dentistry as a hobby?
A.—Peter the Great of Russia. He used to "operate" on members of his Court. The dental instruments he used have just been presented to the State Ethnographical Museum in Leningrad.

Q.—How many Boy Scouts are there in Great Britain and Ireland?
A.—According to the report of the Boy Scouts Association, published recently, 460,234, an increase of nearly 17,000 over last year. There are over 2,500,000 Boy Scouts in other parts of the world.

Who Took The Goal Posts?

If you want to know why the 5th Battalion, the Rajputana Rifles, wasn't playing basket ball or hockey last week, ask L. A. K. O'Neill.

He told the sad story to Police Headquarters this morning.

When Army teams went to their playing field last week for friendlies in both games they discovered that some unknown person had (a) stolen the basket-ball posts (b) cleared off with the hockey goal posts.

HAWKERS NABBED ON FRANCONIA

COMPLAINTS REGARDING the nuisance created upon round-the-world tourist liners by unauthorised hawkers led to a raid aboard the Cunard liner Franconia yesterday.

As a result three men appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with hawking without the necessary permits.

K. H. Mohammed and D. de Dowell were displaying ivory on one of the hatches when arrested aboard the ship. Mohammed was fined \$20 and Dowell \$10, when they pleaded guilty to the charges.

Wong Ki, 28, was charged with hawking camphor-wood boxes aboard the Franconia without permission. He was fined \$25.

DRIVER PAYS \$100 TO WIDOW OF DEAD COOLIE

A VOLUNTARY OFFER by R. M. Keown, of the Taikoo Dockyard, to pay \$100 compensation to the widow of a coolie who was killed by his car on March 25 was accepted by the Magistrate, Mr. R.A.D. Forrest, this morning.

As Mr. Keown is leaving for England on leave, the money will be paid to Inspector A. L. Hopkins, of Police Headquarters, who offered to act as attorney.

"I do not intend to impose any penalty in this case. It was pure misfortune that defendant should have been involved in this accident

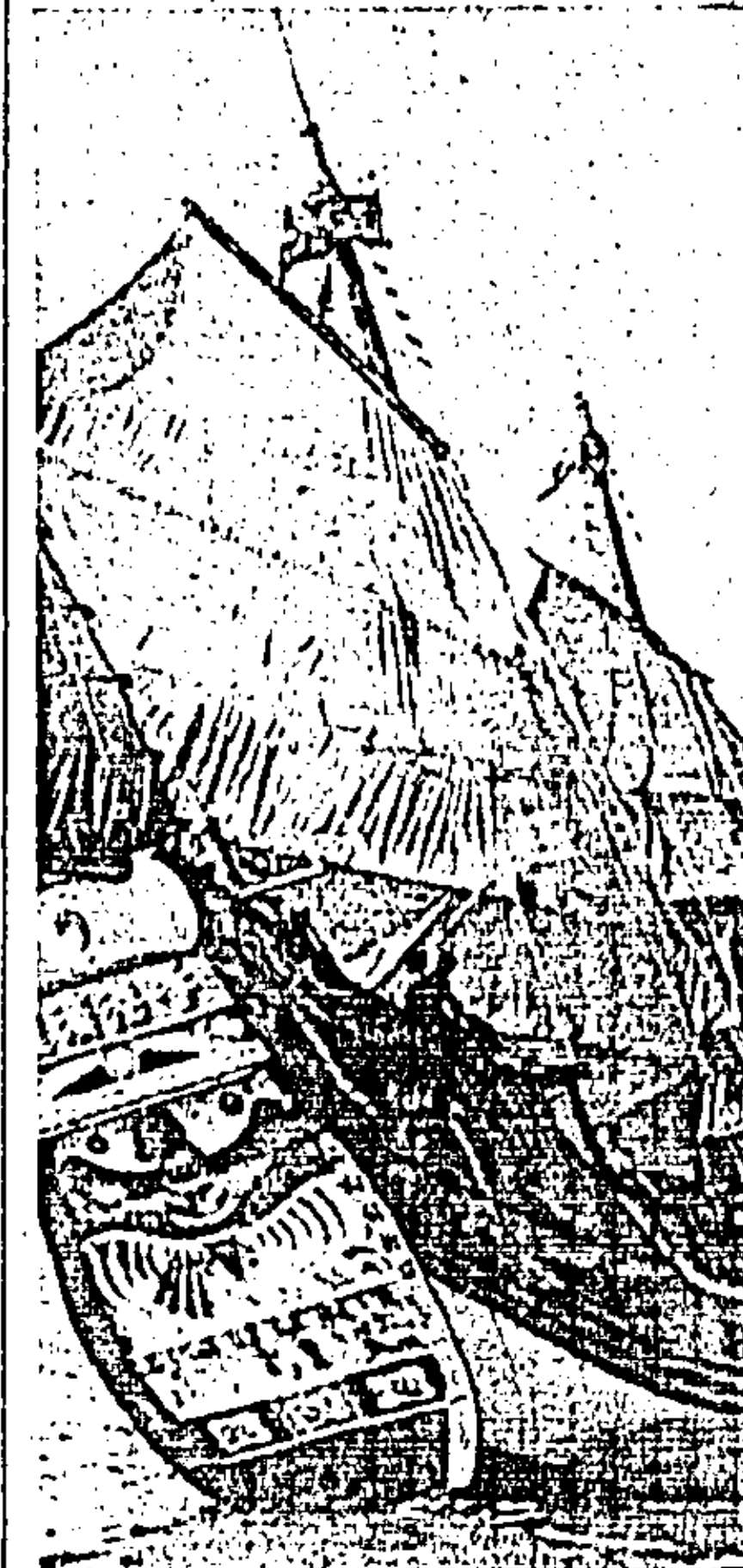
at all," said the Magistrate, in imposing a caution.

"The question of compensation, however, presents a difficulty. While the money is being offered voluntarily by defendant, it should be understood that it does not prevent the widow from taking further civil action for damages."

Mr. Keown was summoned for driving a car without due care and caution and with driving in a position that did not allow full control of his vehicle.

The coolie was killed when defendant temporarily lost his vision of the roadway whilst wiping rain off his windscreen.

The first summons was withdrawn and Keown pleaded guilty to the second charge.



THE SEA DRAGON

Search For Sea Dragon

U.S. Navy Asked To Assist

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30. **FEARS** ARE now entertained that the Hongkong trans-Pacific junk "Sea Dragon" has foundered in mid-ocean.

Mr. Wilfred Crowell, San Francisco agent for Mr. Richard Halliburton, has asked the U.S. Naval Department to search for the missing vessel. Since last Friday, the junk's short-wave radio transmitter has been ominously silent.

The last position reported indicated that the junk was in the vicinity of Midway Island.

Severe Storms

Severe storms have swept this area during the past week. The junk left Hongkong on March 4 with a crew of 12 people aboard. Owned by Mr. Richard Halliburton, the famous author who was also aboard, the "Sea Dragon" is under the command of Captain John Welch, an expert navigator.

The last message from the radio operator, Gordon Petrich, indicated that heavy weather was being encountered.

Big Building Project

New Flats To Be Built In Kowloon

Twelve new flats, on modern lines, are being built by the Humphreys Estates in Argyle Street. The flats, which are five-roomed, will be completed towards the end of October.

The flats are being built on either side of twelve flats already erected by Humphreys Estates. They are near the Eu Gardens and opposite the Kowloon Hospital.

The architects are Messrs. Davis, Brooke and Grant.

APRIL FOOL

The French Call It "April Fish"

WALK warily to-morrow! Mistrust practically every one. To-morrow is All Fools' Day, the festival which dates back to the Roman Saturnalia, when slaves ruled Rome for a day, to the Hindu feast of Holi, and to the day in 1564 when the French changed New Year's Day from March 25 to January 1.

It took people a long time to get used to the change. And so the witty ones who did remember sent pretended gifts, and paid mocking ceremonial visits, to those who still thought that April the First was New Year's Day.

To be an April fool in France is to be a "poisson d'avril"—an "April fish"—meaning a little fishlet, innocent of guile, and easily caught.

HUNTING THE GOWK

In Scotland, April fooling is called hunting the gowk. "Gowk," originally meaning "simpleton."

Hunting the gowk used to consist of sending the dupe to a friend, with a sealed letter, bearing the words: "This is the first of April. Hunt the gowk another mile."

"Oh ay," said the recipient of the letter, looking grave, "I'm afraid I canna help ye—but I ken maybe Sandy MacTavish, a mile doon the glen, he'll be able to."

So off went the poor simpleton with the letter to Sandy MacTavish. And Sandy sent him to Andrew, and Andrew sent him to Ian, and Ian sent him to Donald, until at last the letter-carrier realised that the "gowk" he hunted was himself!

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The turnover on to-day's trading showed an increase on that of yesterday. Banks changed hands at \$1,370. Unions at \$400. Docks at \$16 1/2. Lands at \$34. Providents at \$4.00. Prices generally were fairly well maintained, and the market closed with buyers still in evidence.

Banks
H.K. Tramways \$16 1/2
China Lights \$12 1/2
H.K. Tropic \$3.50 ex div.
H.K. Tropic ex div. \$2 1/2
Wing On (H.K.) \$4 1/2
Entertainments \$8.50
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 per cent. prem.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 per cent. prem.
Dairy Farms \$11 1/2
H.K. & K. Wharves \$11 1/2
H.K. Electric \$11 1/2
Dairy Farms \$11 1/2

United Paracels .67 ex div.
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1889.
It is reported that the *Car* is scandalized by the irregular life of his brother, and that he has ordered Grand Duke Vladimir to resign the command of the guards.

25 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1914.
Mr. Asquith announced that Sir John French and General Ewart perished in resigning and His Majesty the King approved of the speaker (Mr. Asquith) becoming Secretary of War.
The House was momentarily dumfounded by the announcement, and then Ministerialists cheered frantically.

Night club life in London is growing more and more popular among those who can afford it. The *Tango* and the *Maxixe* have almost entirely ousted the *waltz*, and as most of the ladies who frequent the night clubs are professional dancers, or at least on the stage, the dancing revues is a very high standard of proficiency.

10 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1929.
Wholesale executions have taken place in Canton during the past three or four days, according to reports received from the "Telegraph" correspondent there. It is stated that close upon 300 people have been shot during the campaign, which is being all described as suspected Communists.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has completed the formation of plans for the attack against Hankow, and a full offensive on all fronts is to be made almost immediately. The general opinion is that the Wuhan resistance will collapse within a very short space of time and that the Wuhan will soon be over.

5 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1934.
Another ruthless exploit has to be added to the account of the notorious gangster John "Doc" Killen, Dillinger, who, hunted by over fifty thousand militiamen and police since he broke out of jail on March 3, was nearly trapped at St. Paul's Minnesota, today. Accompanied by a man and a woman, Dillinger was in hiding in a house in the city. The police threw a powerful armed cordon round the area. The three desperadoes shot their way through the cordon, with the use of a machine-gun, and escaped in a motor-car.

The following appointments were gazetted:

Captain R. D. Walker, M.C., to act as Manager and Chief Engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.
Mr. C. C. Knight to be a Member of the Harbour Advisory Committee, vice Mr. Allyn Cameron, resigned.
The Hon. Mr. T. S. Suen, O.B.E., L.L.D., and the Rev. Frank Short as Members of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.
Mr. H. B. L. Dooling, O.B.E., to be a Member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.
Mr. C. C. Knight as a member of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years.
Mr. J. P. Patterson to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council in succession to Mr. J. D. F. Heath.

Commanders Frank Elliot, O.B.E., R.N., officially handed H.M.S. Cornwall over to the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Reserve on Saturday morning. The ceremony was most impressive. Commander Elliot, who was accompanied by Paymaster Commander F. R. Porter, R.N., was met at the gangway by Lieut.-Comdr. F. H. E. Skyrme, R.N., Officer Instructor to the Force, and Lieut.-Comdr. H. S. Rouse, the Commanding Officer of the Volunteers. He then inspected the crews of Royal Marines from H.M.S. Cumberland.

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March 31, 1939

Spain's Last Phase

THE LAST mighty act of the
Spanish drama is over.

The curtain falls on Republican
Spain. Almost without the fir-
ing of a shot Madrid, Valencia
and other great cities have been
occupied.

The last three months of war
have not disgraced the Re-
publicans. But it has convinced
them that their cause, however
bravely upheld, had no chance
against overwhelming material
odds.

To-day, General Franco is
Spain's master. He alone can
spare Spain further agony—the
agony of reprisals.

It is General Franco, too, who
can lay to rest the uneasiness
that is still felt in Europe
regarding his country. He
knows that one of the essential
preliminaries to confidence is to
send his foreign supporters out
of the country.

He "intimated to the British
Government that he will request
the withdrawal of all foreign
volunteers... immediately after
the war has passed its decisive
phase."

He cannot but adjudge that to
have arrived now, or to be at
hand.

There is no reason for doubt-
ing that Italy, General Franco's
chief backer, will be unwilling
for her legionaries to return
home.

When Mr. Chamberlain was
in Rome, Signor Mussolini re-
newed his assurances that Italy
had "no territorial or political
aims," and desired "no pri-
vileged economic position" in
Spain.

The Italian auxiliaries can no
longer be maintained in war-torn
Spain on the plea that France is
helping the Republicans.

The whole world will feel
relief at the proclamation ending
the war that has lasted almost
a thousand days.

But it will feel far greater
relief when it knows that Italy's
troops have returned to their
own country, and Spain is again
her own master.

So long as the Italians new
remain there will be danger to
the peace of western Europe.

Neither Britain, nor France
can allow them to remain.

**The Hand that Rocks
the Cradle Rules the
World
But what if the Cradle
is Empty?**

Britain's cradles have been getting
more and more empty for the past 60
years. And no one is able to give a satis-
factory explanation for this fact or devise
a practical solution.

YOUNG men and women, of course,
still look yearningly into each other's
eyes, hold hands, fall in love, get married—but
the cradle industry continues to sink deeper and
deeper into its slump.

Families of one or two children are the aver-
age, and the normal seven or eight of Victorian
days is looked upon as unusual.

Yet all the time the business of being a
mother is being made both safer and easier for
women, and a thousand times less painful than
a century ago, when the patriotic mammas of
Britain were automatically replacing the popula-
tion every year.

When I think of the beautiful and childless
young wife who told me the other day that "Hav-
ing a baby is such a bore!" I am apt to blame
her attitude.

But the real blame belongs to a mysterious
biological phenomenon which has swept across
Europe (carefully avoiding Russia) like a Pied
Piper with all the storks behind him—a phenom-
enon only partially connected with what is
euphemistically called Birth Control, but is more
accurately prevention.

Now Britain is going to add this problem to
all the other problems which it still has left
to solve.

THEY are faced with the fact that by
1976 the population of Great Britain
will—if the birth-rate stops falling and remains
at its present level—have sunk from 45 millions
to 33 millions.

"A very good thing too," said a man looking
over my shoulder as I wrote the above paragraph.
"We're over-populated, and that's why we've got
so many unemployed."

Unfortunately it doesn't work out that way
at all. I can give you a lot of figures to prove
this somewhat obvious

fact, but they are rather
boring, and what I really
want to write about is
the way the Govern-
ment intend to fill the
cradles of the nation.

They have precedents
to work on.

About the only con-
solating feature of the
birth-rate problem is
that France, Germany,
Italy, and the United
States are all in the
same boat with us.

Italy and Germany—
being what they are—
have attempted several
ingenious ways of dictat-
ing to nature.

Whether you can bul-
ly the stork into getting
back to its work is a
question best answered
by seeing what Messrs.
Mussolini and Hitler
have accomplished.

MUSSOLINI, himself
the father of five
children, preached the beauties
of birth control as a young man.
But he chucked that doctrine
away with his Communism.

In 1927 he told Italy that its
cradles would have to be filled
and filled a good deal more
quickly if Italy was going to be-
come a really great Power.

Upon which, bachelors were
immediately penalised in blunt
fashion; their income tax was
doubled and the money thus
obtained was distributed to de-
serving mothers.

A sort of Santa Claus at-
mosphere pervaded the whole
marriage association, from the
honeymoon and holiday trips to
Rome all the way down to pats
on the heads for little children
at the hands of Fascist digni-
taries—and even the Duce him-
self.

And what happened?

During the first six months of
1935 there were actually 9,000
fewer babies born than during
the previous six months!

Puzzle it out for yourself, for
you are as likely to be as right
as the leading economists and
biological experts.

But I confess to thinking that
there is something rather
whimsical about all the unborn
little toddlers cocking a snoot at
Mussolini's imperative demands.

WELL, the birth-rate
in Italy continues to
fall; let's cross the Alps and see
what Adolf Hitler's baby ex-
ports have accomplished.



"And now the Government
are going to add this prob-
lem to all the other problems
which they still have left to
solve."

**WANTED:
A Hundred
Thousand
Mothers**

THE German news-
papers were first
flooded with articles enticing
young women to get married
and do their duty.

"The German woman must
not only be healthy and strong,"
ran one article, "but must be
willing to give her life for the
Fatherland on the bed of child-
birth just as our soldiers do on
the battlefield."

There were more attractive
propositions, too; you could read
about "Why Geniuses Always
Spring From Large Families,"
and articles on "Why The
Happiest Mothers Are Those
with BIG Families."

Every time a baby was born
in Berlin the bell in the Doen-
hoff Square was rung and lucky
mothers could have medals pin-
ned to their breasts, testifying
to their loyalty to the Fuehrer
and the Reich. Tax reductions,
lower railway fares, bureauacra-
tic appointments for virile
fathers were also featured in
this scheme to enrich the nation
with hundreds of thousands of
new-born yells.

Lovers were encouraged by
600 mark loans to put their
mutual affection to practical
purpose, more than 150 million
marks being set aside each year
for this worthy purpose.

The whole business seemed
as fool-proof as the Hindenburg
Line.

And what happened?

Marriages (the Germans be-
lieving an obedient race) leaped up
200,000 in two years; births in-
creased by 180,000 in the same
period. But the balance is not
adjusted, and if the rate does
not continue to increase Ger-
many's 66,000,000 will have
sunk to well below 50,000,000
by 1976.

France has for so long be-
moaned its falling birth-rate
that it has become Europe's
horrid example.

The French do not take kin-
dly to belabouring propaganda,
but they might be encouraged
to know that their rate is not
falling off half as rapidly as our
own in this country, where we
have dropped from 22 babies
per 1,000 of population to 14
since the war.

But now it's going to be our
turn to regiment the nursery.
From the Italian and German
experiments there emerges for
(Continued on Page 11)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Are you a parent, too, or just an authority?"

ENJOYABLE RACING IN MACAO EXPECTED ON SUNDAY

ENTRIES UP TO MARK IN APRIL MEET OF CLUB SPECIAL DOLLAR SWEEP ON GOVERNOR'S CUP

(By "Captain Foster")

Very satisfactory entries have been received for the April Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Arcia Preta on Sunday. I understand that the s.s. Tai-shan will be on the run. The time of her departure is not yet advertised, but it must not doubt be the usual 9.30 a.m.

With the curtain dropped down at Kwanti, Sunday holiday makers and followers of the turf will no doubt look forward to Macao to provide them with a good day's sport among the lower classes of China ponies.

The Macao Jockey Club has left no stone unturned, for in addition to the major contest, the Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency the Macao Governor, there will be a cup to the most successful jockey who scores the highest points, five for a win, two for a second and one for a third.

There are seven attractive events on the card, a special dollar sweep being conducted on the Governor's Cup which is the sixth race on the programme. No provision has been made for an "E" class event to be contested at Happy Valley during the Easter holidays, but the result of the Highfield Handicap has been divided into two sections owing to the many entries received for the race over the mile.

Fairy Ousel Favoured To Win Event

The opening event will be the Ranton Handicap for China ponies "V" class of any season that have not won more than \$500 in stakes since January and the run is over the six furlongs course. It will be an interesting race, for it will be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than ten events. Both Fairy Ousel and Victory Life are at the head of the assessment, but I doubt whether the latter will accept as I have been given to understand that the owner wants to have a go at the Governor's Cup. I like Fairy Ousel, but Gold Clause is a danger provided of course he does not get the goat. The latter is a good buck jumper and I can still visualise how he unsaddled Mr. "Pinky" Bolechio in the 11th Verde Handicap on September 12, 1937. The jockey had to ease off for a few months on account of a dislocated collar bone. Merry Fatty is not a bad outsider provided Mr. Cooper can get down to the allotment of 140 lbs.

Nine Ponies Assigned To First Section

The weight controller has assigned nine China ponies to the first section of the Highfield Handicap over a

mile, but we needn't worry about Stymlie who has been given a smack in the head and is now in the happy hunting grounds. The Fanling hurdler, King's Parade, is in this section and I certainly fancy him to win. Although he was not among the first three, I was much impressed with his running in the Oldtimers' Handicap at Kwanti on March 12, when he finished fourth in the company of "D" class runners. It may perhaps be of interest to know that this chestnut and other Fanling chasers such as Double Chance, Diogenes, Ebony Idol, Sylvandale and Zero are trained by a clever and smart hilderdier who has won a few good minor events. They are too numerous to enumerate, but his latest success with Sylvandale in the Jockey Cup at the annual big meeting deserved a pat on the back. However, I have not seen Mac's Adventure after his unsuccessful attempt in the Au Tau Handicap when he was trounced by Heriot, but it has been whispered to me that the connections expect to pull through this event on Sunday. Charybdis is a new comer among this lot, if he should give us a duplicate copy of his form which the bay gelding finished third behind Dekko and National Dignity in the Pokfulam Handicap on April 18, last year, I cannot see anything to beat him. Lucky Eleven is now in its proper class and he is worth backing \$5 each way.

National Dignity Well Loaded

In the second section of the same event, National Dignity has a heavy burden of 163 lbs. to shoulder and this may hinder his chance. Both Lattin and Persian Cat are nicely weighted, but the book form reveals that the former is not a good miler. I have not much news about Persian Cat, which is being trained in Macao, but it will be recalled that he, with Mr. Cooper in the saddle, ran a good race in the Republican Handicap (second section) and I would recommend you to have some money on this pony.

Bendigo Handicap An Open Race

The Bendigo Handicap for non-winning subscription riders of the Hongkong Jockey Club of this season over six furlongs has attracted only half a dozen entries. It is not possible to "get a line" on these six racers, for all of them, finished, I think, nearly the full end of the April carnival. The ponies have been given weight for inches as per scale and it looks to me that Charcoal is about the best of the bunch.



Lim Thiam-tet entered the quarter-finals of the Colony tennis singles championship yesterday by beating E. C. Fincher in two hard-fought sets. On the whole he showed good all-round form.

Rugby League Tie Won By Barrow

London, Mar. 30. In the Rugby League Barrow defeated Widnes by 9-2 to-day.—*Reuter.*

This brownie is very fond of twitching his tail and it is earnestly hoped that he will not shut up like a knife when coming round the bend for the home stretch. I am afraid that High Tower is not a nice animal to ride, for he is very fond of running in and out. The Spirit of St. Louis lacks speed and energy.

A Good Field Expected For Fulwell H'cap

I expect to see a good field in the Fulwell Handicap and we shall see a good fight among the "D" class riders over a sprint of six furlongs. Double Chance, Flybynight, Gold Sovereign and Good Morning do not require any formal introduction, for all of them have done well on the Portuguese course. I may be wrong, but I will only consider the chance of Flybynight if the pony is ridden by Mr. Peter Wel. In the Kansu Handicap run on January 8, Gold Sovereign, the winner, and Good Morning, who finished behind, were on the same level, but on Sunday the former has to concede 7 lbs. of lead and in the circumstance the English gold coin appeals to me as a better racer. Of course the opposition comes from, I think, Double Chance who has been kindly treated. The last named with Mr. Needa ran a good second behind Salvage Master in the Royal Navy Cup beating

Selections Made By "Capt. Foster"

My selections for the first events are as follows:

- RAINTON HANDICAP
- Fairy Ousel
- Gold Clause
- Merry Fatty
- HIGHFIELD HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)
- King's Parade
- Mac's Adventure
- Charybdis
- HIGHFIELD HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)
- Persian Cat
- National Dignity
- Cloudy Star
- BENDIGO HANDICAP
- Charcoal
- High Tower
- Sports Gesture
- FULWELL HANDICAP
- Gold Sovereign
- Double Chance
- Flybynight
- GOVERNOR'S CUP
- Fairy Auk
- Victory Life
- Hogmanay

several classy 'uns among the old subscription griffins, and if that form can be reproduced, Double Chance should register his first win for Major H. H. Oliver. Apart from the fact that she has never made the excursion to Macao, I cannot recommend Royal Highness as the mare has a propensity to let cool down for no earthly reason. Furthermore I have no use for any pony weighing out with blinkers. In my estimation Cuban Love, Lancashire Chap, National Anthem and Tribute belong to another street.

FORMER PERAK CHAMPION IMPRESSES ON STAND COURT

LIM THIAM-TET BEATS FINCHER IN TWO SETS

(By "Abe")

Playing as well as he has done of late, E. C. Fincher found yesterday that this was not good enough when he met Lim Thiam-tet, former champion of Perak, in the third round of the Colony tennis singles championship on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and was defeated by 8-6, 10-8. As a result of this victory, Lim enters the quarter-finals.

The scores give a good indication of how close the match was throughout. True, Fincher might have taken the first set but he badly misjudged a ball which was going outside 'at a crucial moment and the opportunity never came back again. That Fincher was the more experienced player of the two was obvious right through the match, but his execution very often was faulty.

On the other hand, Lim, who made his debut on the stand court, had all his strokes, except one, beautifully under control. His drive was in almost perfect order on both wings, and though he seldom went up to the net, when he was forced to do so he showed he was quite a reliable volley and smash.

But for some inexplicable reason he persisted with a drop shot which, against another man, might have had the effects of a boomerang. He has not yet perfected the shot and probably would do well to discard it in tournament play. As it was yesterday, Fincher got to the ball nine times out of ten and should have scored more winners with his return shots than he actually did.

One has to admit, however, that when Fincher failed to make an outright winner of his return, Lim passed him with splendid drives down the lines or beat him with a finely-judged lob.

NOT A WINNER

On the whole, one formed the impression that Lim did not use the drop-shot with which to score winners but as a means to lure Fincher up to the net. If this is correct, then he certainly succeeded.

In all other departments of the game, however, Lim seems to be extremely well-equipped. He revealed no real weakness in yesterday's match and I could not help thinking that he would have been more effective had he forsaken his drop-shot for straight-honest-to-goodness tennis. He was foot-faulted a couple of times in his service, and though affected by this to a certain extent he showed he had the right temperament by getting over it quickly.

Fincher started off the match as if he meant business and, playing extremely well, he won the first two games. Lim settled down after this and took a lead of 5-3. At this stage, he was foot-faulted and he quickly dropped the next three games. But he recovered just in time, thanks to an error of judgment by Fincher. Leading 6-5 and the scores deuced, Fincher took a ball which would have gone out by a yard,

and then won the next point. Had he left the ball go by in the previous stroke, the set would have been his!

The second set was again a ding-dong affair, with victory going to the Chinese in the 18th game.

OTHER MATCHES

Tsui Wai-pui, the holder of the single title, had a bit of practice in his third-round tie with Wong Shiu-wing, a club-mate, and won in straight sets, conceding only five games. On an adjoining court a marathon match was played between I. M. A.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

Lim Thiam-tet beat E. C. Fincher 8-6, 10-8.
Tsui Wai-pui (holder) beat Wong Shiu-wing 6-3, 6-2.
I. M. A. Razack beat Luk Chun-cheung 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Open Doubles

Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky received a walk-over from Lt. Col. Newham and Major Baines.

Razack and Luk Chun-cheung. The game was reduced to a test of stamina and the Indian, because of his greater lasting power, won after three sets. In the final set with the scores deuced at 5-5, spectators were amazed to see Luk being given a rub-down by friends, thus breaking one of the most important rules of the game. But his five-minutes' rest was of no avail.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:
Open Singles—J. M. Tomlinson v. W. J. Howard; J. W. Leonard v. H. D. Rumlahn.

Open Doubles—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. Paul Kong and Szeto Dick.

Both Crews Considered To Be Below Average

London, Mar. 30.

Although both the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews are considered to be below the average, one of the closest races in years is expected on Saturday morning when the race will be decided, starting at 11 a.m.

Cambridge were installed as slight favourites during the early training, but reports and discussion in camp, which had an upsetting effect on the crew, caused the betting to veer 6-to-5 on Oxford despite the fact that they made the unprecedented action of changing the stroke a week before the race.

R. A. Bourne, who was originally selected to stroke the Oxford crew, was deposed because of a suspected weakness in stamina. This action breaks a family tradition; Bourne's grand-father and father—stroked Oxford crews.

J. R. Bingham, who is substituted, is considered more physically suited. He certainly has infused more life into the Oxford stroking and has kept the crew well together.

Hart Massey, son of the Canadian High Commissioner in London, has the distinction of being the smallest coxswain in the history of the Boat Race. He stands 4 ft. 2 ins. and weighs 5 st. 1½ lbs.—*Reuter.*

LITTLE TO CHOOSE

London, Mar. 30. With only a couple of days left for practice, the Oxford and Cambridge crews are concluding their strenuous preparation on the tidal-way which has been interrupted

Golf

H. COTTON NOW LEADS 3 STROKES

London, Mar. 30. At Bournemouth to-day, Henry Cotton, with an aggregate of 144 over 36 holes, led the field at the end of the second round in the Daily Mail professional Golf Tournament.

Cotton had a 75 to-day and is three strokes ahead of Dal Rees. Next are G. Knight, C. A. Whitcombe and A. Compston with aggregates of 148.

Others include Reginald Whitcombe 151, Cecil Denny (who led with Cotton in the first round) 154, and Alfred Perry 155.

Forty-nine players with aggregates of 158 or better qualified for Friday's final 36 holes.—*Reuter.*

consistently by rough conditions. There seems little to choose between them. Oxford is heavier and more powerful, but it is doubtful whether she can retain the balance when striking quickly. Cambridge with a quick-stroking and well-balanced crew has reached the peak of preparation at a psychological moment and shown fine watermanship in heavy water.—*Reuter.*

MAIN RACE SHOULD SEE GOOD FIGHT

The Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency Dr. A. T. de Sousa Barbosa is a handicap hunt among the "V" class China ponies over the mile course and the event has to be completed every six months during Spring and Autumn. The pony, Merry Doer, which annexed this event last May is not in existence, but Shanghai 4, the Autumn winner, is among the list of entries. There is no doubt that Shanghai 4 has been on the wane since he returned from the walking list after the resumption in 1938. After capturing the Governor's Cup with Mr. Encarnacao in the saddle at the fall, I was sanguine, in fact held out hopes, that Mr. Potts' champion would stage a comeback, but the last three subsequent outings of the Macao pride were very disappointing displays. His last unplaced running in the Chunghua Cup before the Chinese New Year was certainly not due to the encumbrance of the avoldupois and Shanghai 4 has been asked to carry only 140 lbs. on Sunday.

Shanghai 4 made his first appearance in the Tain Shan Plate (five furlongs) run on September 13, 1938, and with Mr. Deitz up the combination romped home first with a few pounds to spare. It will be interesting to recall that in the same afternoon the grey gelding (it was then owned by Mr. J. A. Victor) weighed out for the Tain Shan Plate over seven furlongs and the Stewards of the Macao Jockey Club ordered the charger to carry 7 lbs. extra. It was learned that the extra poundage was incurred on account of the pony winning the Tain Shan Plate, and not unnaturally the owner Mr. J. A. Victor protested, but got no redress.

The conditions of the Tain Shan Plate were: "For China Ponies, subscription ponies of this club, 1938. Weight for inches as per scale." It must be borne in mind that the race referred to (Tain Shan Plate) was an open event (not a handicap) and in the circumstance the additional allotment of poundage by the Stewards was unparalleled in the annals of racing along the Chinese coast ports. Luckily the impact of 7 lbs. on Shanghai 4 gave us the best race of the afternoon, for he just managed to secure the verdict by a short head. From that day onwards Shanghai 4 has always been on the crest of the handicap, but let us see what he will do on Sunday with only 140 lbs. My fancy is Fairy Auk.

LAST EVENT

The meeting will terminate with a scramble over half a mile for China ponies of "D" and "E" classes that have started and not won. Being post entries, readers will have to make their own selections.

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BEIGE and STONE are starred for spring, but they are difficult to wear. Test powders until you find one that looks like the bloom on a pale side of a peach. Your rouge must be the clear red of a ripe apple, your lipstick matching. A blue-black or green-blue mascara will look better than the emphasis of black, a grey, blue, or green eye shadow fresher than more exotic colours.

PINKS and PURPLES are still with us, but you want a warmer, more robust look in spring sunshine. Buy a darker pink and mix it with your winter shade. Your lipstick must be softer in tone, rosier than the winter cyclamen; your rouge must have less mauve in it. Blue mascara and eye shadow is more gentle to eyes tired after late winter nights than mauve.

YELLOW is high fashion, but hard on the complexion. A pinky look is unbecoming, but not worse than a jaundiced effect. You want a powder the shade of a peeled banana. Lipstick and rough must be that pure soft pomegranate colour. Eye make-up must be clear and young-looking—mascara and eye shadow a fresh green or blue.

GREENY-YELLOWS are important this season. Make-up should be rather like that for yellow, but rouge and lipstick should be lighter, with just a hint of orange.

BLACK or NAVY in spring wants careful make-up. Powder have no tinge of yellow, but the skin must look warm. The best thing for average skins, is a first coat of pale pink powder with a dusting of warmer peach on top. Lipstick and rouge must be brilliant with neither orange nor blue undertones. Dark blue mascara is younger than black.

PASTELS and WHITE will be in soon. Nothing looks worse than a sophisticated maquillage with ingenuitous colours. Let your powder be a clear pale peach, your lipstick and rouge a clear rose. Be sparing with eye make-up; pale green or blue is best.



"Baby" dresses for grown-ups have a quaint charm. This one is made of pale blue marquisette over pink marquisette over pale blue satin. The tiny puffed sleeves are held with wreaths of flowers. The white doekla gloves have little bows at the wrists.

The Humble Prune Transformed

NOW that prunes can be bought cheaply, it is a pity we don't make more use of this tasteful and satisfying fruit.

Try some of these recipes when plain stewed prunes don't tempt you.

Prune Custard Pudding

Overnight soak two cupsful of prunes and then cut out the stones and roughly chop up the fruit. Butter a pie-dish, and prepare some slices of bread and butter. Fill the dish with layers of bread and butter, sugar, prunes, and a little grated nutmeg, and finish off with a layer of bread.

Now make the custard by beating a large egg in two cups of milk, and pouring this over the other ingredients. Stand the dish in a pan of water and cook in a moderate oven for about an hour.

Prune Tarts

Stew a pound of prunes in the usual way, and when tender pass through a sieve.

Beat the yolks of two eggs with a gill of milk and the prune pulp and then whisk the egg whites and add them. Line some pastry tins with short crust and fill with the mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes.

Prunes in the Meat Course

Prunes give a delicious flavour to meat pies and puddings, and make a shepherd's pie an out-of-the-ordin-

Modes And Manners

QUESTION: "Please enlighten me on this point of etiquette: Should the spoon be dipped away from the body for soft foods as well as soups?"—K. J.

ANSWER: The rule mentioned applies to soups only. The motion followed by the spoon or fork for eating soft and semi-solid foods is toward the body. If these are better managed that way, which, as a rule, they are.

QUESTION: "Should asparagus be eaten with the fingers or a fork?"—N. J.

ANSWER: The fork should be used.

dry dish. Add some tomato ketchup and a minced onion as well as some stoned prunes to any cold, leftover meat. Mince the meat and arrange the ingredients in layers. Top with mashed potatoes and you will have a dish with an intriguing "different" flavour.

Pickled Prunes

Soak a pound of prunes overnight, having pricked their skins. Place them in the pickling jar. Boil three quarters of a pint of vinegar with three ounces of sugar and a few chillies and leave to cool. Pour the vinegar over the prepared prunes and tie up.

Pickled prunes and cream cheese make a tasty sandwich.

Cookery Expert.

Thoughtlessly Destructive Children

WHY are the boys of seven and upwards so thoughtlessly destructive?

The advent of new boys in school means that I must keep my eyes open, otherwise much school property will be damaged.

These boys come from good homes. They are well fed and clothed, and have no vices, but many of them are utterly careless when dealing with my property or their own personal belongings. They have to be constantly reminded to hang their clothes in the proper place, to tie their shoelaces properly, and to take care of books, pens, pencils, and other school requisites.

When a small boy in the sick room was sent an illustrated copy of "Peter Pan" he tore out all the full page pictures, folded them in a variety of shapes and put them in the pocket of his dressing gown.

When I saw Bill, aged eight, digging holes in the tennis lawn with the heel of his shoe, I asked: "What would your mother say if I did the same thing to her lawn?" he answered: "She'd be very angry." But he had no respect for my property. Not till later.

Disregard for Others Property

A boarder of only a few months went to his dormitory, opened the window in a gale, and allowed it to blow off its hinges. The same thoughtless fellow sits with his feet on the staves of the chairs, wipes his sticky fingers under the seat of the chair or table, scrapes his feet on the linoleum or carpet, and being one of those children who must touch and handle things damages them in the process. His latest exploit was to use the cork mat in the bathroom as a sledge until he broke it in half.

I have flower borders round the school playing field. Some boys show little love for flower borders, plants, or flowers, and trample over them. There is at the moment a large hole in the entrance hall wall. This was caused by a boy who amused himself in swinging the door and banging the key into the wall. He told me he did not mean to do it. Another new boy, in his first term, managed to smash

But Parents Are To Blame

By A SCHOOLMASTER

about a dozen panes of glass in an outbuilding.

When a mother interviewed me recently she brought three children with her. During the whole interview the children were walking round my study, picking up first one article and then another, drumming upon the piano, and making themselves generally at home with my furniture.

Not one word of remonstrance came from the mother, who probably would have been disobeyed had she given the children an order.



This dress in one-piece style is in a wool chenille. It is featured in a corn yellow, with olive introduced in the suede belt with the yellow. Note the detail on the bodice.

SHORT CUTS

In bad weather, when drying clothes indoors on a line, use a coat hanger for each garment to conserve space.

A small brush is excellent for cleaning off a grater.

Tarnished copper and brass ornaments may be brightened if rubbed vigorously with strong liquid ammonia applied on a piece of flannel. Polish after with a clean piece of dry flannel.

If lace curtains are enclosed in a pillow case, they may be washed in the washing machine.

Try rubbing the hands with dry salt to remove onion odour.

Soon we shall be playing cricket and I am quite sure that I shall find some stupid and thoughtless boy using the blade of a new cricket bat to drive the stumps into a hard ground.

I am afraid much of the trouble is due to lack of parental control and discipline. The boys of whom I speak have a surfeit of the good things of life, and they are not bothered about the cost. If they break a hat they get another. If they carelessly tear their clothes Nannie or mother repairs them without saying much about it, or they are provided with new ones.

They can lose their handkerchiefs, leave their gloves in the bus, and lose their books and these can be replaced by fond parents with enough of this world's goods. Not until it is brought home to these children that they must take care of things can they be cured.

By daily reminders in school we do our best to instil the fact that clothes, toys, and school property must be used with care, but these children rarely realise the value of money. Every need seems to be satisfied by some fairy god-mother.

Fortunately every pupil now has pocket-money and he soon begins to realise its value. When he forfeits thoughtless damage he begins to think a little more of the consequences of his actions, and in time we can trust him to be less destructive.

It would be easier, however, if parents themselves taught the value of property and clothes before these children were sent to school.

Cleaning Of Oven Glass

OVEN glass nowadays obligingly does the work of baking tins, but it resents being treated like a tin when it comes to washing up!

Its gleaming polish fades to a dull and scratched surface if subjected to a pan scrubber or any crude abrasive. Treat it like ordinary glass, except that you can use hotter water than you would for tumblers and decanters.

If some of the contents have burnt on to the dish put it to soak in warm water; the burnt food will soon soften, and can be rubbed off. You can use a wooden window wedge with good effect as a scraper, but don't employ a knife or anything sharp. A rag dipped in a reliable soap powder may be used, but beware of cleaning powders liable to scratch.

Oven glass is not indestructible, and is sensitive to sudden extremes of heat and cold, so never pop a very hot dish straight into cold water. When your dish is free from bits and pieces, wash it in hot soapy water, rinse well, and dry with a glass cloth.

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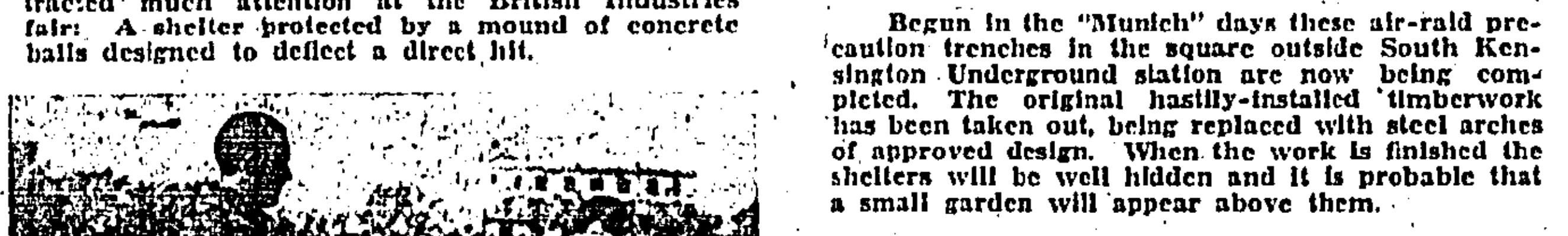
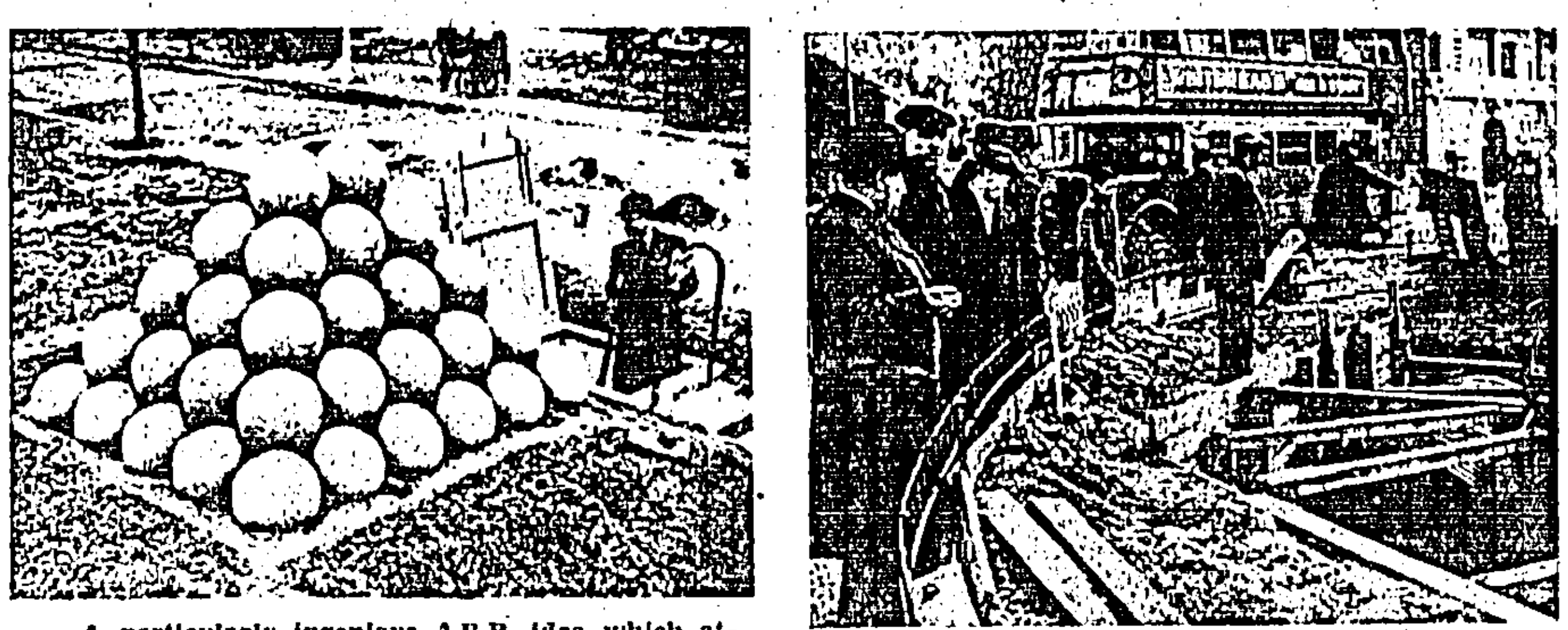
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WANTED: A HUNDRED THOUSAND MOTHERS

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the benefit of our legislators certain factors and a good many of the kind of bitter paradoxes which Voltaire, and even Gilbert, might have enjoyed.

Among these latter is the undeniable fact that in poor and slum-bound districts the birth-rate is always a glorious credit to the nation, while the intrusion of comparative prosperity and decent living conditions coincides with that drop which menaces the future of the race.

This is a dreadful thought. The poor don't fear poverty; but the rich do—and it's the middle classes that offend by not contributing their just share of babies.

The falling birth-rate in the more prosperous countries—the United States as well as Britain—is certainly connected with the cult of pleasure: too many cinemas, too many radios, too many cars, and too much hedonism generally mean too few babies.

But not even the Dictator of all the Dictators is going to stamp a puritanical regime on even the most complacent country in order to foster a synthetic profligacy.

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LEAVING FOR HOME

Mr. A. D. Fraser, of The Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of H.K. Ltd., who is Head Foreman of Engineers at the dockyard, proceeds home by the Canton after a period of 20 years' service at Quarry Bay. The good wishes of his wide circle of friends go with him in his new sphere of activity in the Homeland.

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2—Victim
3—Become profound
4—Keenness of discrimination
5—Fruit
6—Put into effect
7—Dancehall
8—National Academy of Design (abbr.)
9—Decay
10—Thrust (Latin)
11—Lawless admiral
12—One hundred centuries
13—On no account
14—Shape of piece of pie
15—Lure birds
16—Draw
17—Liven
18—Glamor
19—Part of band
20—Felt
21—Faint surter
22—Inclined
23—Letters of alphabet
24—Alternative sole
25—And so forth
26—Western state
27—Letter container
28—Examination
29—Title of college graduate

DOWN

1—Handsome youth
2—Ambassador

3—Printed article
4—Unclosed
5—Endurance
6—One who traps
7—One who does
8—Solid form of water
9—Unexplored shaft
10—Wound
11—Dram (abbr.)
12—Pierced
13—Medical aid
14—Crumbing laugh
15—Medieval protective ditch
16—Turbine distillate
17—Felt
18—Felt three
19—User
20—Writer
21—User rapot
22—Antenna
23—One of the other
24—Model over again
25—Great of war
26—Maze, mistle
27—Ivory mallet name
28—Short poem
29—Young dog
30—Depart
31—Company (tabes)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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CHIANG READY FOR
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while the Fourth Army near Yang-cheng on the Lunghai Railway and General Sun Tien-ying's Army will cross the Yellow River to establish junction with the Communist Eighteenth Army under General Chu Teh advancing from Luan in eastern Shensi.

Shensi Invasion

The Chinese forces massed in south-eastern Shensi and Tungchow including the armies under General

Tao Chih-yueh and Li Wen, will also cross the Yellow River and invade the south-western parts of Shensi. General Huang Li's Army at Sina and General Pan Han-pao's Army to the east of Sian will also participate in the Shensi campaign.

The Eighth Group Army under General Sun Chui and the Sixth Group Army under General Yang Ai-yuan which penetrated into western Shensi have started eastward advancing, while General Hu Tsung-nan, Chairman of the Shensi Provincial Government left Sian and is at present staying in central Shensi to command the forces advancing eastward.—Domest.

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LATE NEWS

CHINESE HOLD KONGMOON

Despite intensified Japanese aerial bombardments in coordination with the attack on Kongmoon by their land forces, the city is still held by the Chinese under the command of General Teng Lung-kwong, according to Chinese reports received this afternoon.

It is reported that more than 30 Japanese planes bombed Kongmoon, Sunwei and Pakai yesterday, dropping more than 100 high explosives. A great part of the prosperous section of Kongmoon was demolished.

Spirited fighting continues at Tongsha and the Eastern Fort in Pakai. Heavy Chinese reinforcements have succeeded in halting the Japanese drive on Kongmoon.

The invaders' losses, it is said, began to retreat early this morning after both sides suffered heavy casualties.

Meanwhile, fighting is raging at the Eastern Fort in Pakai.

Yungki and Kwelhow, two towns south of Shuntak, were recaptured by the Chinese, according to unconfirmed reports received this morning. The two towns were captured by the invaders two days before the Japanese attack on Kongmoon.

"China's Agony"

LONDON, Mar. 31.—The capture of Nanchang represents the first important Japanese success since the fall of Hankow and Canton, says the London "Times."

"In the fate of the city may be seen epitomised the process which Tokyo likes to call the regeneration of China."

"In terms of human suffering, China's agony is on a scale which reduces the plight of Europe's refugees to little more than a fleabite."

"China's tenacity in her honourable cause appears unshaken, and the difficulties before Japan are not noticeably decreasing."

"The only quarter where Japan has improved her prospects is in Tientsin, where the authorities have opened the harbour for foreign shipping."

"In London this development is welcomed without reserve, and while there is no specific reason to hope for an extension to other spheres, its application to Tientsin is eminently satisfactory."—Reuter.

Lady Northcote's Departure

Among the passengers who were to have left by the Canton for England yesterday were Lady Northcote, wife of His Excellency the Governor, and their son, Mr. M. A. S. Northcote.

It is expected that Lady and Mr. Northcote will now sail by the Chitral, which is tentatively scheduled to depart at noon on Sunday.

In this case, Lady Northcote and Mr. Northcote will leave Queen's Pier at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday. Lady Northcote's departure will be entirely unofficial.

Passengers Disembark

Chitral To Return To England

One hundred and nineteen passengers who arrived by the P. & O. liner Chitral on Wednesday, en route to Shanghai and Japanese ports, were transferred from the ship to the Peninsula Hotel this afternoon.

The Chitral has cancelled the balance of its passage northwards and will return directly to England from Hongkong on Sunday, picking up the Canton's run.

The Chitral commenced discharging cargo this afternoon and will immediately commence loading cargo which ordinarily would have been taken by the Canton.

Arrangements are being made by Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., agents for the P. & O. Line, to obtain passages for the Chitral's disembarked passengers as soon as possible.

It was at first thought that a large number would have been able to leave by the Lloyd Triestino liner Conte Verde this afternoon, but she is already a full ship.

The damaged Canton and Marechal Joffre have entered harbour.

War Risk Rate Up In Hongkong

THE WAR RISK insurance rate between Hongkong and Europe has in recent days been increased by 25 per cent. Latest advice from London gives the rate at 12s. 6d. per £100, the previous rate being 10s. per £100.

The rate, as fixed by the Joint committee of the Institute of London Underwriters and Lloyd's, has been increased from 10s. to 12s. 6d. per £100. The rate covers an area between Bordeaux and Hamburg, no increase having been made in the Mediterranean.

With the end of the Spanish war, the rate of 10s. per cent. is now maintained off the Spanish coast. "Domest" reports that the Japan Marine Insurance Association has formally decided to increase war risk rates by 12.5 per cent to 37.5 per cent per 100 yen for shipment to European ports via the Mediterranean Sea.

The rates for shipment to European ports via the Panama Canal will be increased by 12.5 per cent to 37.5 per cent per 100 yen. The revised rates will be put into practice on and after Saturday.

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS ACTIVE IN CHINA

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arrangements with his home Government regarding the Soviet assistance to China, the Moscow envoy is coming back to China before long, diplomatic observers indicate.

Competent observers point out that the common problem of consequence now facing foreign diplomats in China is the attitude of their respective Governments towards the Far East in the event of a European war.—Domest.

MEMEL COUP RATIFIED

Kaunas, Mar. 30.—After M. Juozas Urbys, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister had made a short statement, Parliament to-day ratified the Lithuanian-German treaty regarding the cession of Memel.—Reuter.

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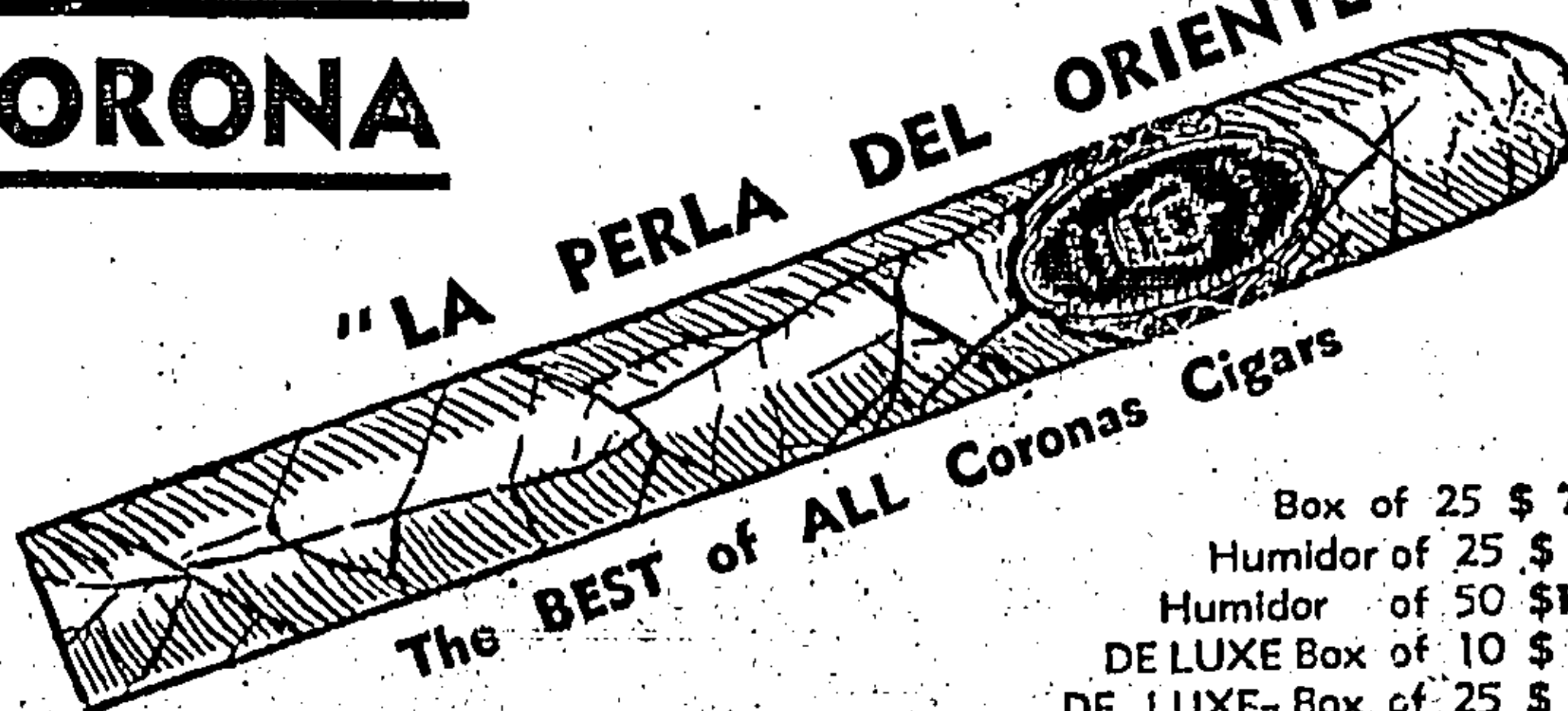


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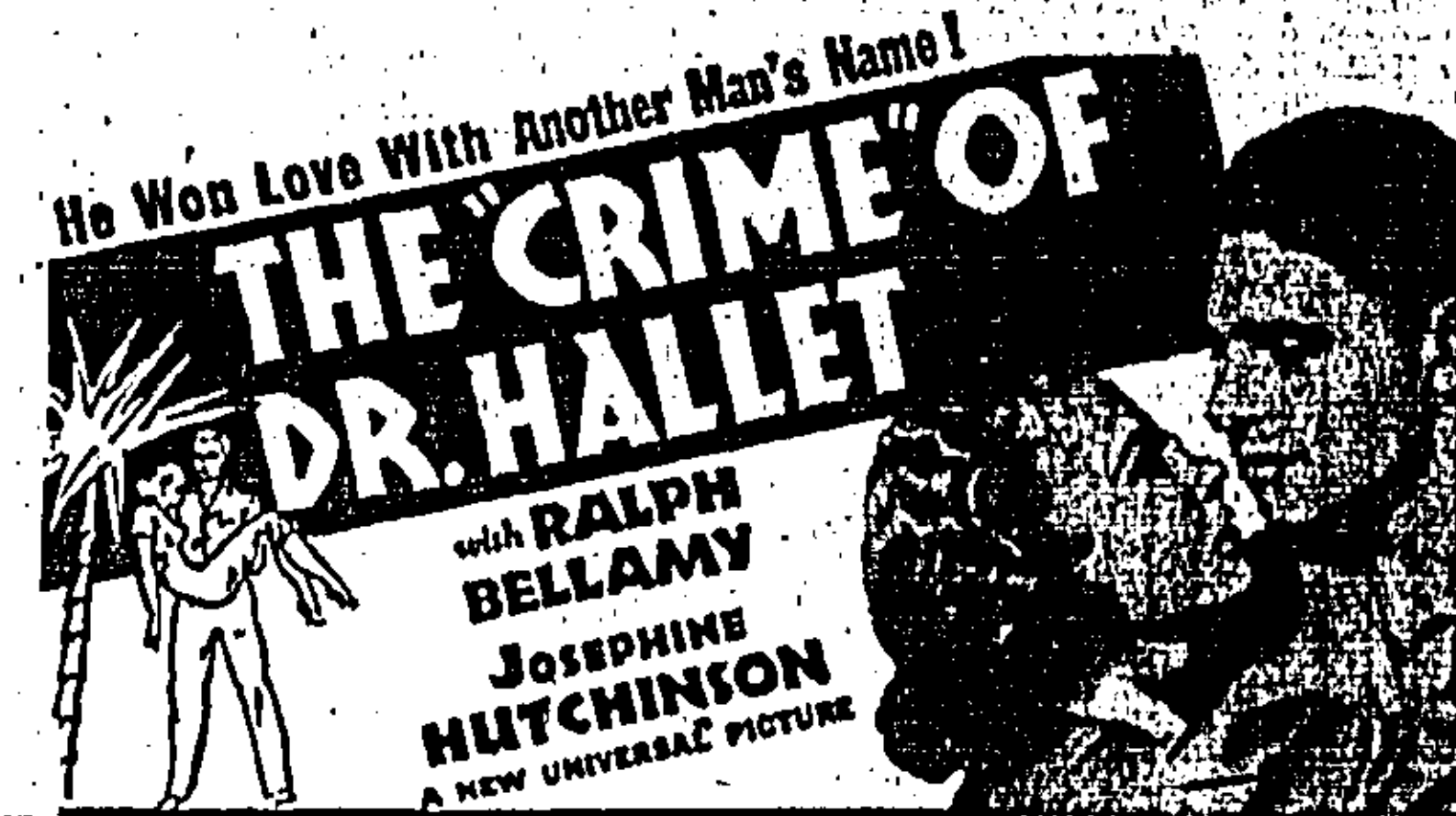


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